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STILL HOPE FOR NAVAL TREATY

BRITAIN CONTINUES TO SEEK PACT

FAILURE WOULD SPELL FEARFUL CALAMITY

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London, Dec. 19. British, American and Japanese delegations to the three-power naval conversations met at the House of Commons under the chairmanship of Mr. Ramsay McDonald, the Prime Minister, at 3.45 p.m. to-day and decided upon the adjournment of the naval conversations *sine die*.

There was no suggestion of anything but the most cordial feeling between the delegates, and the same atmosphere of frankness which has prevailed throughout the conversations was not dispelled to-day, in spite of the Japanese denunciation of the Washington Treaty.

Delegates have not yet given up hope of a resumption of conferences in the near future which may lead to a new naval agreement.—United Press.

London, Dec. 19.

The British Government retains a firm hope that further naval conversations will occur in about two or three months' time, in spite of the announcement of the pending denunciation of the Washington Treaty by Japan, declared Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, in a speech broadcast to the nation last night.

Great Britain regretted Japan's decision very much but nobody was entitled to complain, he said. Japan was quite entitled to abrogate the treaty if she felt it was unsatisfactory.

The Japanese action, though serious, should not be confused with tragedy, said the Foreign Minister.

CALAMITY NOT ARRIVED

There still remained two years in which to try to arrive at a new agreement. It would be a real calamity, and a fearful one for the world of the future, if there were no treaties limiting the total of warships and the maximum size of fighting craft.

The Government was determined to do everything in its power to preserve the treaty system. It felt that nothing was more important for the peace of the world than for the naval powers with special interests and responsibilities in the Far East to continue to agree to naval limitation and to co-operation in a collective system designed to preserve good and friendly relations between all the nations in the area.

BRITISH INTERESTS

"The British Commonwealth has responsibilities in the Far East which we must discharge and we cannot yield on the essentials necessary for our security," said Sir John.

"At the same time we must try to put ourselves in the position of others, and we mean to do our utmost to work out with them plans which will do justice to all and provide the equality of security which is the right of every community."

JAPAN'S PROPOSALS

He referred to Japan's proposals, and said that the British Government felt that equality of security was not necessarily reached by such an arrangement as the Japanese desired.

He, and the Government, felt that in view of the greater range of responsibilities in Europe and Asia and elsewhere, and the vast extent of the British sea communications, a comparatively larger British navy was necessary to preserve this "equality of security."

Progress had been made at the London conferences, he asserted, and difficulties had been discussed calmly and frankly, with never a breach of good feeling. Doubtless they had a long way to go, but as soon as the opportunity arrived the Government would take appropriate steps to resume the naval conversations.—Reuter.

CHINESE ARTISTS' EXHIBIT

WORK PRAISED BY CRITICS

PREVIEW IN LONDON

London, Dec. 19.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Minister to Britain, gave a reception at the Legation to-day when a selection of Chinese contemporary paintings, which will be exhibited in London in February, was shown to a large and distinguished company.

The guests included Mr. Laurence Binyon and all the leading critics of the country.

The pictures were greatly admired.

Critics said that while the old, conventional style of Chinese art had been preserved in these exhibits, the method of treatment had become obviously broadened by world influences.

In the painting of birds and flowers, it was generally agreed, the Chinese remain unsurpassed.—Reuter.

GOLD BLOC'S FUTURE

LIKELIHOOD OF REVALUATION

Washington, Dec. 19.

The basic economic condition of all the Gold Bloc members indicates revaluation as the logical course.

Trade balances continue unfavourable and unemployment is increasing in France, Belgium and Holland.—Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

The Chinese General Post Office and the General Savings Department attached to it will be removed to Nanking next month as their new headquarters at the capital has just been completed.—Central News.

Kidnapping Trial Delay Opposed

POLICE REQUIRE MORE TIME

INVESTIGATIONS INCOMPLETE

Strong objection to a week's further remand was voiced by Mr. M. K. Lo, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he appeared for Luiz Antonio da Rocha, who was charged together with Frederic Barreto on three counts relating to the alleged kidnapping of Luiz Jose Ribeiro, aged six years, from No. 7 Hanoi Road, Kowloon.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Rozesky appeared for the police and said he had been instructed to ask for another week's formal adjournment, and then to get a date fixed for the hearing of the case.

Mr. Lo, in raising an objection, said the police had had plenty of time in which to make their investigations.

Mr. Hamilton, before whom the case was brought, said he knew nothing about it, and granted an adjournment for 24 hours. He requested the appearance either of Mr. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, or a Superintendent of Police to-morrow to give reasons for wishing a week's adjournment. He also asked that an Inspector should then give a rough opening of the case, so that he (Mr. Hamilton) might be able to judge whether the requested adjournment should be granted.

Barreto is still in police custody, while da Rocha is on \$3,000 bail.

"Our Navy Will Keep Afloat"

SWANSON FEARS NO JAPAN CHALLENGE

FORTIFICATION PROGRAMME

Washington, Dec. 19.

"Our navy will still keep afloat," said Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy Department, to-day when questioned at a press conference regarding America's naval construction programme in view of Japan's forthcoming denunciation of the Washington Treaty.

He pointed out that the treaty was actually effective for two years after its denunciation, which meant that there was no immediate danger of a naval armaments race and left a considerable time in which the Powers could lay plans for a new agreement.

Meanwhile, he declared, "we shall do what is necessary for the proper defense of America, her commerce and her industries."

The decision with regard to the naval base and fortification programme, suggested after the signing of the Washington Treaty, had been reserved for the time being, he added.—Reuter.

MILLION A YEAR LEAGUE FEE

CHINA WILL PAY UP HER ARREARS

Nanking, Dec. 20.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Membership Fee Committee of the League of Nations in dealing with China's demand for reduction in the annual membership fee, an arrangement has been reached with the League of Nations for the payment of membership fees overdue. It provides that the payment of arrears is to be made over thirty years; that is, China has to pay an annual amount of \$1,200,000, commencing from next year, until 1964.—Central News.

Guards Kill Three When Mob Charges

FIRE TO PREVENT LYNCHING

COURTHOUSE AND GAOL RAIDED

Selbyville, Dec. 19.

Three men are believed to have been killed to-day when National Guardsmen fired on a Tennessee mob which was attempting to seize and lynch a negro charged with attacking a white girl.

The mob tried to storm the gaol here but was repulsed by tear gas. It reassembled later in the day and tried to rush the courthouse where the negro was on trial.

National Guardsmen who were on duty outside the courthouse retreated within and fired from the windows. Three men in the mob are reported to have been killed, and several others wounded, including the brother of the negro's alleged victim.

Reinforcements of cavalry were rushed to the scene, and 65 horsemen joined with the 110 guards on duty in an attack which finally cleared the streets.

Meanwhile, the negro was rushed away by motor car in charge of a deputy sheriff, the prisoner disguised in a National Guardsman's uniform.—Reuter.

Former H.K. Officer Dies In London

LIEUT.-COLONEL JOHN WARD

ADVENTURE ON TYNDAREUS

London, Dec. 19.

The death occurred to-day of Lieut.-Col. John Ward, C.B., C.M.G., at the age of 68 years.

During 1918, Colonel Ward commanded a Middlesex Pioneer Battalion in Hongkong, and whilst on his way here the Battalion underwent a most exciting experience. The troops were aboard the transport Tyndareus and were making the voyage to Hongkong via South Africa.

When near Durban, the Tyndareus struck a mine and so great was the danger of her sinking that the Battalion was drawn up on deck, whilst Colonel Ward addressed the officers and men, urging them to meet death calmly and in accordance with the traditions of the British Army.

With the possibility of the ship foundering at any moment, the troops began singing war-time airs and well-known hymns.

Luckily, however, the vessel just managed to limp into port. The Battalion later came to Hongkong by another boat.

WENT TO SIBERIA

After serving in Hongkong, the Battalion formed part of the Allied forces which temporarily overthrew Bolsheviks in Eastern Siberia, and later Colonel Ward undertook a mission to bring about effective international control of the Siberian Railways in 1919.

The late Lieut.-Col. Ward had a distinguished military record. He served in the Soudan and also in the Great War. He held the Khedive's Star, medal and clasp, British, French, Italian, Czechoslovakian and Russian decorations.

In 1885 he joined the Social Democratic Federation, founded the Navy's Union in 1889, and was elected member of Parliament for Stoke-on-Trent as a Labourite in 1906. He held the seat until 1920.—Reuter.

SINO-FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS

Nanking, Dec. 20.

Several important points raised in connection with the much-disputed Sino-Annamite Commercial Treaty during a meeting between M. Wilson, French Minister to China, and the Chinese diplomatic authorities, have not been satisfactorily settled. It is likely that further settlement will be had in the near future in order to bring to completion the protracted negotiations to come.

AID FOR COTTON INDUSTRY

GOVERNMENT PLANS RELIEF

London, Dec. 19.

Methods for improving the position and competitive power of the cotton industry, which include a scheme for elimination of surplus spindles, was referred to by the President of the Board of Trade in answer to a Commons question to-day.

Mr. Runciman said he had promised that if proposals for the elimination of surplus spindles received support from a sufficiently influential proportion of the trade, he would be prepared to ask Parliament for statutory sanction for the collection of the necessary loys.

The scheme was based on an estimate of 30,000,000 running spindles. The Committee responsible for the scheme stated that the change would not impose an undue burden on the industry if spread equitably over all firms. If, however, they were unable to borrow the necessary money on the security provided, the Government would find some way to assist them to borrow the money.—British Wireless.

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Visiting Chiang

Nanking, Dec. 20. En route to Fenzhou to visit Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Ou Fang-pu is leaving for Shanghai tomorrow afternoon.—Reuter.

VULNERABILITY OF AMERICA

PANAMA CANAL NOT WELL GUARDED

PUBLISHER SAYS JAPAN AGENTS AT WORK

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Washington, Dec. 19.

Twenty men, willing to risk their lives for their country, would be able to blast the Panama Canal to pieces in twelve hours and block the channel to such an extent that it would be impossible for months on end, declared Mr. Nelson Rounswell, publisher of the *Panama American*, who is visiting eastern points.

The danger to the canal, so vital to the defence of America and the maintenance of her trade, exists because of the fact that its vital points are still unguarded, he said.

CHINA MAY DEVALUE CURRENCY

FINANCIAL TIMES SPECULATES

Liner Rammed And Sunk

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAVED

COLLISION IN LEIXOES

Porto, Dec. 19.

The ten thousand ton Royal Holland Lloyd liner Orania was rammed amidships, and sank in half an hour, while entering Leixoes harbour to-day.

The Orania was rammed by the Portuguese steamer Lourdes while endeavouring to navigate in the obstructed harbour entrance.

There were no casualties, the 122 passengers and the crew of 168 being taken out in record time as the ship settled.—Reuter.

Factors operating seemed to point to the decline being temporary, the paper goes on, and the suggestions of Sir Victor Sassoon would help relieve the strain on China without preventing her from pursuing her oil programme. It cannot be said that London is very hopeful that such measure as currency devaluation, under pressure from the United States silver purchasing policy.

The silver market has been a "paper market" to a large extent since President Roosevelt's silver plan was announced.

The buying of the metal on America's account had been of smaller volume than speculators for a rise had anticipated when, together with the unsubstantiated reports from China, had induced the closing of bull accounts.

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The work entails considerable expense and, more important, delay in commissioning the Ranger.

Naval experts still hope, however, that the big ship will be ready to participate in the North Pacific manoeuvres in May.—United Press.

COSTLY ERROR

Washington, Dec. 19. Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, to-day revealed that the new alloy steel used in the fuel tanks of the new aircraft carrier Ranger was subject to gasoline corrosion. Therefore the tanks would have to be replaced, he said.

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ENGLAND MOURNS

**NOTED FIGURES
PASS AWAY**

**MEN IN EYE
OF PUBLIC**

The deaths were announced last month of five famous people named—

Mr. Charles Sergeant Jagger, A.R.A., one of Britain's most noted sculptors;

Mr. Dion Titheradge, the playwright, producer, and actor;

Mrs. Alice Pleasance Hargreaves, the original Alice of "Alice in Wonderland";

Mr. John Alexander Brodie, formerly city engineer of Liverpool, who claimed to have invented the goal net used in Association football;

And Sir Robert McAlpine, 13 days after the death of his father.

Though Mr. Jagger's death came suddenly, it seemed to friends that he had been waging—and had won—a great race against time to complete a giant statue of the King.

Mr. Jagger, who was particularly notable as the creator of the Artillery Memorial at Hyde Park Corner—a magnificent work which laid the foundations of his fame—was only 49. He was found dead in bed by his wife at their home in Albert Bridge Road, Battersea, S.W., having presumably passed away in his sleep. His death was apparently due to a heart attack brought on by a common cold, which undermined his health at a time when he was suffering a great strain through worry and overwork.

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**HINTS FOR VISITORS TO AN
INVALID**

If you are going to see a friend who is ill, take pains over your appearance, and wear your prettiest frock and hat. Be your normal charming self. Don't try to be unnaturally cheerful; on the other hand, don't be gloomy and full of foreboding. Take some flowers with you, or fruit if it is allowed, or a magazine or little gift. Leave something pleasant behind for your friend to enjoy, even if it is only a memory of your smile. Don't enter the room on tiptoe and speak in lowered voice. Don't criticise the arrangements of the sick-room unless you have something practical to suggest, or make reflections against your doctor or nurse. Don't recommend her a quack medicine that may clash with her doctor's prescription. Don't recall all the stories you know of people who had that particular illness and were never well again. Don't shout, laugh loudly, or sit on the bed. Take a chair near the bed where the invalid can see you. Don't overdo your sympathy and encourage the invalid to self-pity, but do show that you are genuinely sorry for her. Don't stay too long. Do watch for the first sign of fatigue, and go quickly when you see it.

IN PRIME OF LIFE

The death of Mr. Dion Titheradge, the playwright, producer, film scenarist, and actor, occurred at a London Nursing Home, following an internal operation, at the age of 45. He was the brother of Miss Madge Titheradge one of the principals in "Theatre Royal" the new comedy at the Lyric Theatre. Mr. Titheradge had not been in good health for some time.

Mr. John Alexander Brodie, formerly joint engineer of the £8,000,000 Mersey Tunnel, and a man who completely altered the face of Liverpool, during his 27 years as a city engineer, died at his home Alburgh Hall Alburgh, aged 76. One of Mr. Brodie's claims was that he invented the goal net used in Association football.

Mrs. Alice Pleasance Hargreaves—the original Alice of "Alice in Wonderland" died at her home at Westerham, Kent. She was 82, and had been seriously ill for some weeks. Mrs. Hargreaves was a daughter of the late Dr. Liddell, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and when she was 20 she and her two sisters often went boating with their father's friend the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, a mathematical tutor at Christchurch. The original manuscript of "Alice's Adventures Underland" as the book was first called, was written in plain script and illustrated by the author with 37 pen and ink sketches which were later used by Tenniel

as the basis for his famous woodcuts. The 92 page book was many years afterwards to realise the record price of £16,400 when it was put up for sale at Sotheby's. At the time when he gave the work to Alice Liddell, Mr. Dodgson had no thought of publication but he was later persuaded to submit it to Messrs. Macmillan, who published it in 1865.

Death duties will have to be paid twice on the estate of the first Sir Robert McAlpine as the result of the sudden death of his son, Robert, the second baronet, 13 days after the death of his father. He had left Southampton in the Warwick Castle for a trip to South Africa, and in mid-Channel, while dressing for dinner, he had an apoplectic seizure, died, and was buried at sea. He was 66.

The health of the new baronet, Sir Alfred Robert McAlpine, who is 27, has been affected by the shock, first of his grandfather's death, and then that of his father, and he is lying ill at the home of his family at Lingfield, Surrey.

The death duty now payable will be 50 per cent.

**FRANCE'S DIVORCES
INCREASE**

**ONLY FELL OFF
DURING WAR**

**INTERESTING
FIGURES**

Paris, Dec. 10. Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the French Divorce Law, statistics were published here showing that in the last half-century 722,866 divorces were granted in France.

These figures, compiled from the records of the Ministry of Justice reveal that:

1. The first five years are the hardest for a married couple;

2. Wives apply for divorce more than husbands;

3. Adultery ranks second to cruelty as the most frequent cause of divorce;

4. Paris is no longer a divorce mill for Americans and English;

5. Divorce has been steadily growing in popularity in France, since its inception fifty years ago, with the single exception of the World War period.

The French divorce law was promulgated officially in July, 1884, but did not become effective until September of that year. In the few months that remained, however, there were 1,657 divorces granted.

In 1885, the number increased to 4,123; in 1887, to 5,797 until in 1912, the total reached 16,723. But during the World War divorces fell off and in 1916 there were only 1,962.

But in 1919 the progression was immediately resumed, and the number of divorces for that year jumped to 19,465. Since then the increase has been constant and in 1931, the last year for which statistics have been officially compiled, the total attained 28,505.

A survey of the figures for the last fifty years also reveals that there were always more divorces in the metropolitan area of Paris than in the remainder of the country. None of the foregoing figures include divorces in the colonies which it is stated, have been very few in number although they are beginning to show a serious increase.—United Press.

**MISSIONARY
SERVICE**

**BROKEN LAWS
OF CHINA**

Speaking at Bolton under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society The Rev. J. W. Duddington of West China gave an account of a school where he is the chaplain and a teacher. "The Government says to us," he said, "that we must not teach Christianity in our school—but nobody keeps laws in China anyway."

There were 400 to 500 children in that school hearing the Gospel every day. "We didn't get that in our schools in England. But in the same city there were four Government schools where anti-Christian and anti-foreign propaganda was taught."

Missionary work, he said, was not just a matter of going out to be a leader—that was not enough. The Chinese Church did not need Britons with imperialism dominant in their nature, but with the spirit of Jesus Christ.

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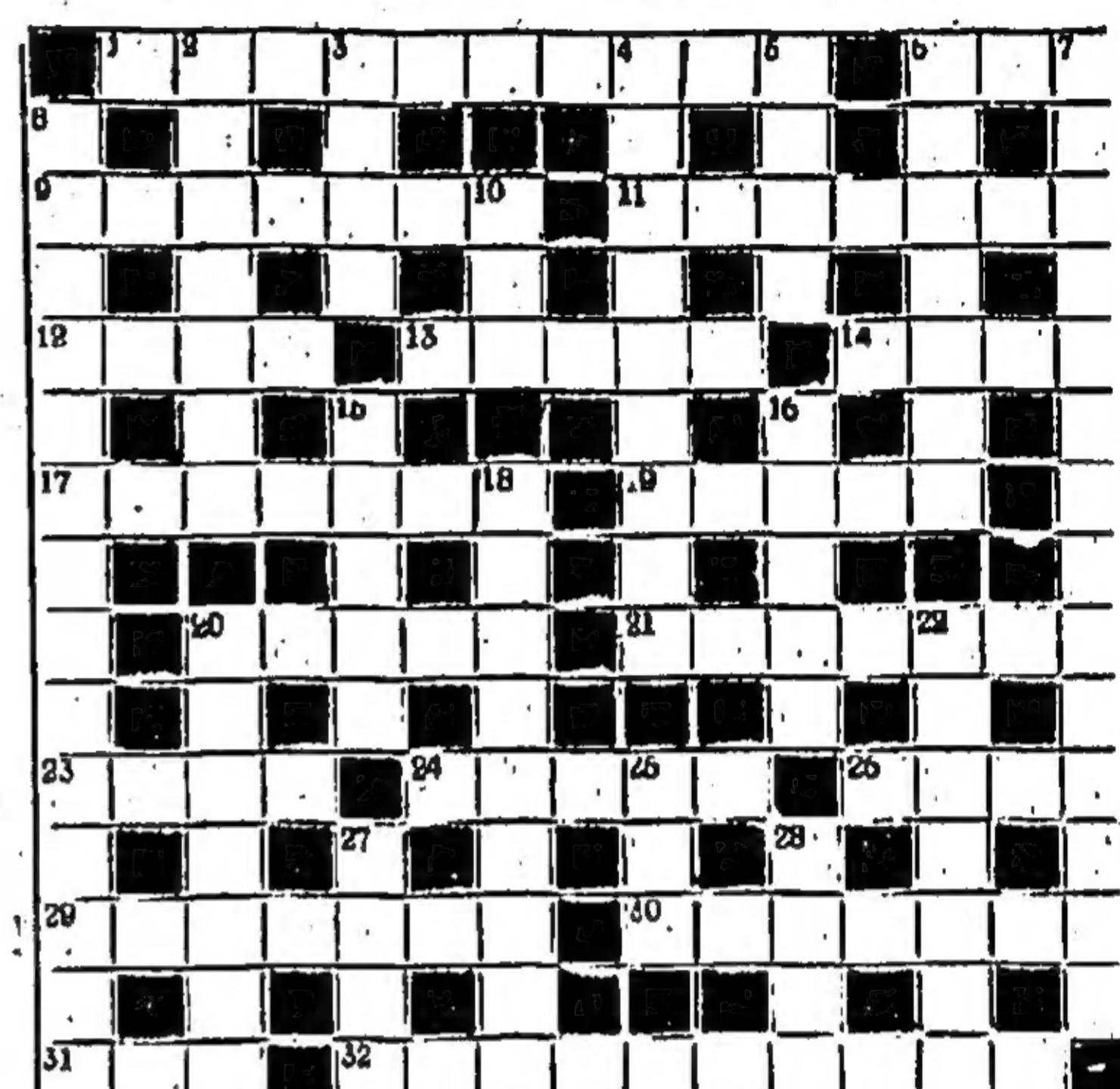
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WORLD NEGLECTS PRECIOUS GIFT

There is not enough laughter in the world to-day. Mirth and gaiety are becoming scarce everywhere, and in some countries have gone out of fashion altogether. There is still, unfortunately, a plentiful supply of mean angering and bitter humour, but there is a dearth of whole-hearted, rousing, roaring, contagious laughter.

This is a very disturbing state of affairs. Although there is no law against merriment, the feeling of society seems to be strongly against it. Life is too serious. Politics is too bitter and industry too hard pressed. Yet surely it is in such difficult times that laughter is needed most. It helps to restore our balance of mind. We all agree that good humour and a sense of safety are necessary ingredients of the complete man. Yet we find ourselves concealing our chuckles behind a cough, and blushing with embarrassment when discovered indulging in free, spontaneous laughter.

The need for laughter was never greater than it is to-day. The world is threatened by ambitious persons and policies that will certainly do us harm unless they are laughed out of existence. Argument or abuse is of little value, for charlatans and their parties thrive on such. Logic and debate may be worthy weapons in social and political criticism, but ridicule is far more powerful. Rogues and their rogues writh-

laugh?

The Press is said to give the public what the silly public like. So the fashionable illustrated weeklies provide, for our serious regard, highly diverting photographs of unknown and vacuous persons, in ungainly attitudes, sunbathing at Deauville or eating at West-End restaurants. To provoke our laughter they supply drawings of tragic intensity of wretched gin-sodden charwomen or other unfortunate mafals awkwardly saying or doing the wrong thing in the wrong place.

It may be that, when seen through the misty distance that fills most minds, the sordidness and tragedy of life seem pure comedy. But anobishness in the basis of this class of newspaper humour. One may laugh at charwomen and people below stairs. But to laugh at the strange behaviour of the people one meets at cocktail parties is to show shocking bad manners.

WHY LAUGH AT CHAPLIN?

The theatre offers similar evidence. A cheap West-End drawing-room melodrama will bring the audience to tears. But the crowd will always laugh at Charlie Chaplin, the most poignant and tragic personality of the present-day theatre.

The suppression of laughter is possibly the cause of this modern violence which is breaking out all over the civilised world. Politics is becoming a "racket" everywhere. Parties rely on gangster methods, crime, and assassination, for their maintenance. We have the tragic spectacle of whole nations persuaded or driven into fanaticism and enslavement. We see them marching, with upraised arms and eyes, intent on vague destinies promised by their frowning prophets. We know of the cruelty inflicted by such savage enthusiasm. And we know also that such people have forgotten how to laugh.

Indeed it is not wise to laugh too loudly in such countries, for laughter sounds dangerously like treason.

So if our desire for mirth and merriment is too firmly repressed, it may produce some horrid cancer of our souls. The impulse to express ourselves in laughter will find some distorted way of escape if it is not allowed to function freely. Let us then hold fast to our right to laugh, for if that is lost we shall have lost our liberty.

J. M. S.

Claire Trevor, the charming New York actress who is well known, too, in Hollywood, is planning to return to the stage "for good".

and wither in its blast. They cannot stand against it. For laughter is unanswerable.

And laughter is often an reliable an olog. It is an instinctive reaction to all that is theatrical and extravagant. Free, hearty laughter ought to burst from us all, automatically, at a spectacle or proposal which is offensive to the dignity and decency of humanity.

SNOBISH HUMOUR

The pity is, of course, that people so often choose the wrong things at which to laugh. They are not entirely to blame. They are persuaded into the belief that certain ideas must always be treated with respect, while certain others should always be received with laughter.

There are many who read the Press reports of political speeches with grave seriousness, and melt into uncontrolled merriment at the tragic daily spectacle of the newspaper comic strip. Yet what sensitive mind can contemplate without a shudder these plaintive efforts at synthetic humour? And what man of sense can read or listen to the promises and evasions of the professional politician without the desire to punctuate the rhetoric with peals of hearty

SUCCEEDS TO PEERAGE

BY-ELECTION MADE NECESSARY

Lord Brocket, formerly Sir Charles Nall-Cain, died suddenly at Brocket Hall, Welwyn, Herts, in November at the age of 68 years. He is succeeded in the peerage by Mr. Ronald Nall-Cain, Conservative M.P. for the Wavertree Division of Liverpool, where there will be a by-election. The figures at the last three elections were:

1929	16,880
S.L. Treleaven (Lab.)	13,685
H.R. Rathbone (Lib.)	11,723
Conservative majority	3,295
June 1931:	
A.R.N. Nall-Cain (C)	18,687
S.L. Treleaven (Lab.)	10,042
Conservative majority	8,645
General Election 1931	
A.R.N. Nall-Cain (C)	33,476
S.G. Clark (Lab.)	9,603
Conservative majority	23,973



At Lubeck a novelty for divers has recently been demonstrated. It consists of a rubber-sack containing sufficient air to enable a diver to stay 30 minutes below the surface of the water. The problem is to get up in time.

CHINA EGG EXPORTS

CRITICS IN BRITAIN

REFORM URGED

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Dec. 1.

There have, I understand, been still further discussions between the principal importers of Chinese eggs and the Board of Trade representatives, who are anxious to fix the quotas for the suggested reduction of 10 per cent. in the import of eggs in shell from abroad during the first three months of next year.

Apparently there has been no real progress made in reaching a decision as to how the quotas were to be allocated. The Chinese Government was not officially represented, because it holds the view that there should be no reduction of the quotas.

I notice that Mr. Greenall, who represented The Overseas Eggs Produce Co., pointed out that China was only an exporter of shell eggs during the period of shortage of home-produced eggs, and Mr. Bunney suggested that it would be a considerable hardship if China were to suffer a greater cut than 10 per cent. Mr. Vestey, who, with Mr. Bunney, represented the Union Cold Storage Co., emphasised the fact that China was more seasonal in production than any of the other foreign countries exporting to England. Mr. Lewis (representing Messrs. Armour & Co.) added that China did not compete with the English producer during the latter's period of peak production and said that Chinese eggs (which were small and very cheap) did not really compete at all with the English product.

AWAITING DECISION

We are now awaiting the decision of the Board of Trade, though I imagine the Minister of Agriculture has still more to do with it. Meantime, vitriolic attacks continue in Chinese liquid eggs. The same writer who recently published an onslaught in "Eggs" has now published one in "The Feathered World". The



Admiral Gengo Hyakutake, recently appointed to Shanghai, his Chief of Staff, Commander E. Kondo, aboard the flagship Idzumo.

MINISTERS' PROXY

Mr. Shigem Yoshiida, Japanese Ambassador-at-large, who arrived in London recently, left soon afterwards for a tour of Continental capitals. He will be back in London for a longer stay in December. Mr. Yoshiida was formerly Japanese Ambassador in Rome. His present occupation is described as that of "proxy" for the Foreign Minister" for Europe and America.

enormous difficulty of putting forward a case for adequate control with any hope of success until a long-range policy in respect of egg supplies generally is in sight. Meantime envoys are being made respecting aspects of the trade on which authentic information is desirable."



Chief among the St. Andrew's Day celebrations in Shanghai was the Ewe Handicap Race for the Jardine Challenge Cup, won by G. C. C. Harper on "Movement". Above is shown the finish of the race and a section of the unusually large crowd which attended. The trophies were presented by Mrs. James Macbeth, wife of the President of the St. Andrew's Society.



Miss Rita Cohen and Mr. Cyril Weed, with members of their bridal party, photographed outside the British Consulate in Shanghai after their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Widdowson, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, are included in the group, as also is Mr. F. J. Willis, the best man.

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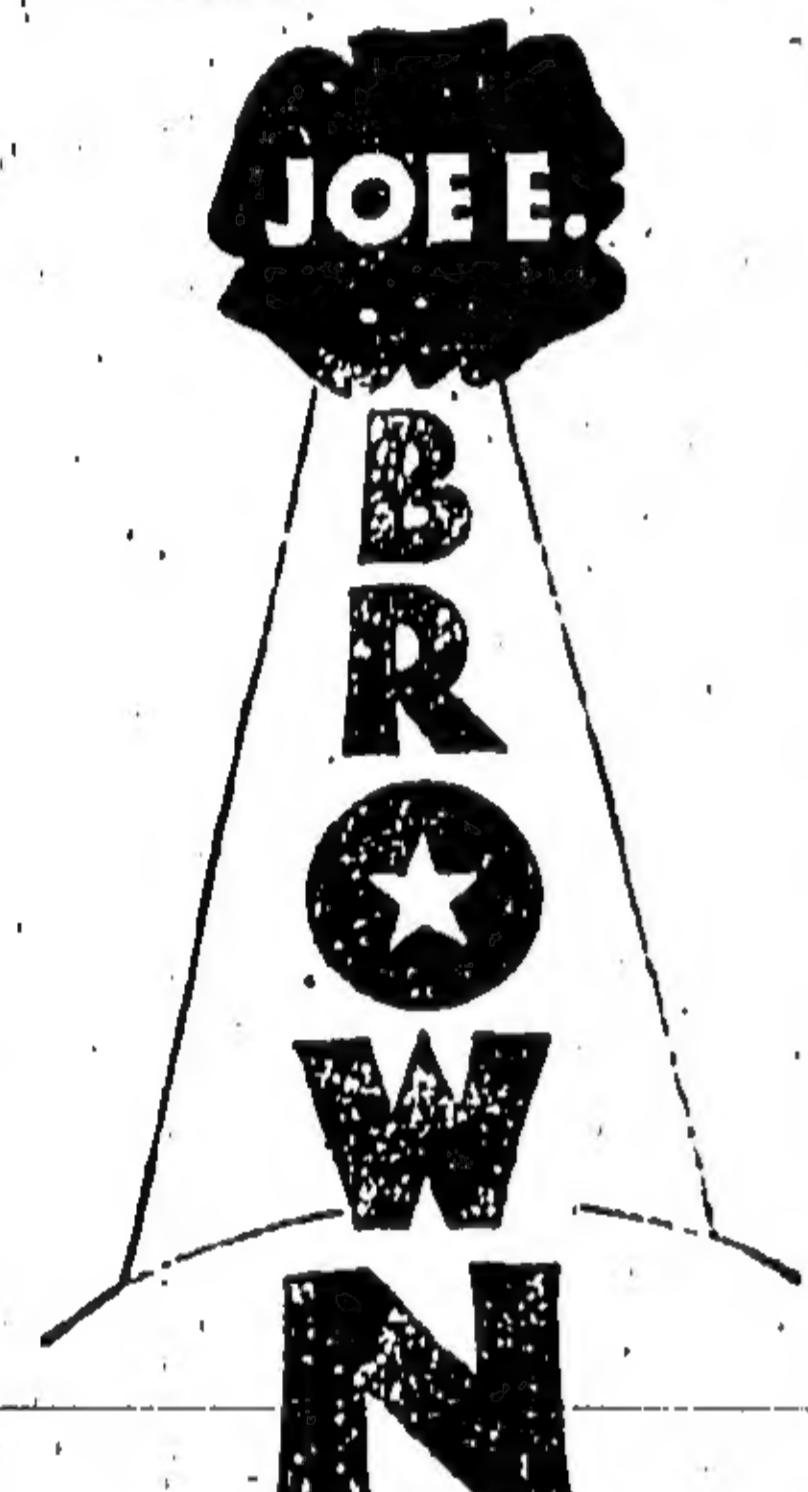
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(San Francisco, 20th November) .. Straits .. December 20.

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Ajax .. December 21.

Japan and Shanghai .. Gaudia Maru .. December 21.

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K. P. O. ..

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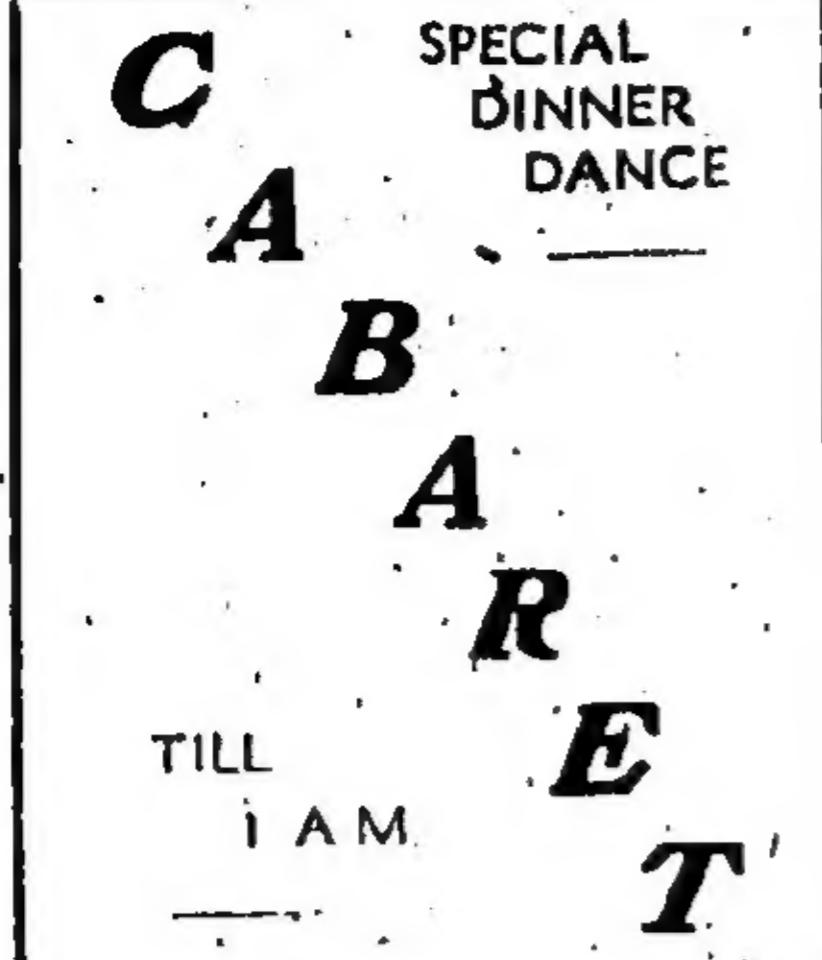
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Entertainment**INDIA REFORM****SALISBURY AMENDMENT
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London, Dec. 18. By a majority of nearly four to one, the House of Lords last night endorsed the Government's policy on the future Constitution of India. The vote was exceptionally large. Lord Salisbury's amendment, advocating a policy of delay, was defeated by 239 votes to 62.

The result came as a pleasant surprise to the government supporters. As last week the Commons passed the Government Motion by 410 votes to 127, the way is now clear for the introduction of the Government's India Bill which will be given a formal first reading this week.

One peculiarity of the votes was that in the Commons, the Labour Party were included in the minority of 127, whereas in the Lords, the Labour Peers abstained from

The *Times* comments: "So conclusive was the debate that it deserved a conclusive result, if only because of its natural effect on public opinion, both in Britain and in India. A smaller margin would have sufficed, but it might have been misunderstood."

Regarding the Labour Party attitude, *The Times* remarks there is no reason to suppose they will obstruct the reforms, and recalls speeches by Labour members, including Major Attlee, who signed the Simon Report and Mr. Cocks, who last week made an eloquent appeal to India to work the scheme.

The Liberals, it is pointed out, were united in supporting the Government, and of the Conservatives in the Commons, 334 voted for the policy of the report and 77 against.

The conclusion of *The Times* is that "two exhaustive debates, following seven years of hard investigation, have invested the government policy at last with all unimpeachable mandate from the Imperial Parliament."

All papers pay tribute to the lofty tone of the speeches in both Houses as worthy of a great Imperial issue.—*British Wireless*.

Wide Experience

London, Dec. 18. Speakers during the House of Lords debate included three former Viceroys, three former Secretaries of State for India, five former provincial Governors and several Peers who have intensively studied the question in the process of the Select Committee's inquiries.

It was noticeable that the "diehards" took a studiously reasoned attitude throughout, although Lord Amthill urged that India's real grievances were economic and not political; and that Britain's guiding hand was indispensable

CIVIL AVIATION**CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY
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London, Dec. 19. The Secretary of State for Air (Lord Londonderry) has decided to put into operation certain measures to develop civil aviation.

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The civil aviation estimates will be determined by the Secretary of State personally, on the advice of the Under-Secretary, collaborating with the Director General.—*Reuter Special*.

until India could share in world recovery.

Lord Lloyd, speaking most earnestly, could not help doubting whether responsible Government was likely to be permanently acceptable to any country in the East.

On the other hand, Lord Peel was convinced that the aspiration for self-government was becoming wider in India and was not confined to a mere clique.

Lord Reading made a deep impression with his actual experience of imposing safeguards in times of grave public disaffection.

The general conclusion of the public appears to be: "We must go forward; the Select Committee offers the best way."—*Our Own Correspondent*.

Keen Interest

London, Dec. 18. The House of Lords debate on the India reform measures has excited extraordinary interest.

Many peers have, during the last few days, taken their seats and their seats in the House for the first time in the life of the present Parliament.

With the exception of three benches normally reserved for the Labour Opposition and which are never filled, every seat was occupied and all available standing room was lined with peers to-day. It was the biggest House of seven years.

The Labourites did not vote and the Conservatives, both the opponents and supporters of Lord Salisbury's amendment, soon passed through the lobby. But, it took twenty minutes for the Government supporters to vote.

Lord Salisbury's amendment expressed unwillingness to pronounce in advance acceptance of far-reaching recommendations until there had been an opportunity for studying the particular Government proposals.—*United Press*.

WOMAN HANGED**PoISONED HUSBAND WITH
STRYCHNINE**

London, Dec. 19. A woman was hanged today for the first time in England in eight years.

She was Mrs. Ethel Lillie Major, aged 42, of Hull, found guilty of poisoning her husband with strychnine.

The last woman to be hanged was Mrs. Louise Calvert, aged 33, who murdered her landlady, in 1926.

Mrs. Major was sentenced to death November 1. Her husband, Arthur Major, a lorry driver, died on May 24. Death, it was stated, was due to large doses of strychnine.

At the trial of Mrs. Major, the prosecution alleged that it was a crime of jealousy, spite and hatred. It was claimed that the Majora frequently and violently quarrelled; that Mrs. Major hated her husband, who was said to be having an affair with a neighbour, Mrs. Rose Kettleborough.

Letters were produced, alleged to be written by Mrs. Kettleborough addressed, "To my Dearest Sweetheart . . . from your loving Sweetheart, Rose" and "To the Dearest Sweetheart in the world." Mrs. Kettleborough denied writing the letters.

The prosecution, however, claimed that after discovering these letters, Mrs. Major put strychnine in her husband's food.

The defence laid emphasis on the fact that the second of the two doses of strychnine Major was supposed to have taken, was drunk in a glass of water, but that the amount of strychnine found in his body would have taken two and a half pints of water to disguise its extreme bitterness.

One telling point in the case for the State was that when first questioned by the police, Mrs. Major said: "I didn't know my husband died of strychnine poisoning."

The police pointed out that they had not mentioned how he died, to which she replied: "I am sorry, I must have made a mistake."

When the death sentence was pronounced, Mrs. Major quite calmly, and in a strong voice, said: "I am innocent." She collapsed, however, on her way to the cells.

In bringing in their verdict of guilty, the jury added a strong recommendation to mercy. In consequence of this, and because women are seldom hanged in this country, many believed that the sentence would be commuted to life imprisonment.—*United Press*.

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DISFIGURING THE
HILLSIDE

The disfigurement of the hillside just below Wan Chai Gap by a conglomeration of matchsheds and other structures was the subject of a series of questions at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. This is a subject to which we have on several occasions alluded during the past two or three years, in the hope that measures would be taken to clean up the area affected. Instead of any improvement being affected, however, there has latterly been a big increase in the number of temporary buildings. In all, there are at present twelve structures within this area, accommodating between eighty and ninety workmen, for whom the sanitary facilities are necessarily somewhat crude; they are situated unpleasantly close to European residences either built or in process of construction. These buildings are said, by the President of the Sanitary Board, to serve a useful purpose, although he would not go so far as to say that they are absolutely necessary. They are used, in the main, in connection with a road-widening scheme and the construction of private residences. For this reason, it is stated, their replacement by more permanent sheds would be uneconomical. This argument, however, does not apply to a group of five structures comprising a matchshed, two kitchens, a wood store and a latrine. These, presumably, are Public Works Department buildings, and, unless we are confusing them with another block, have been in existence for some years. At any rate, for longer than we care to remember, this area has been sadly disfigured by buildings of this type, and it is to be hoped that, once the work which has called the greater number of them into being is concluded, some effort will be made to restore the locality to its original appearance. Road gang matchsheds, according to the President of the Sanitary Board, are being gradually replaced by more permanent structures. There has, however, been no sign of such a development in the region referred to. From the fact that a number of sheds have been accommodated at this spot for some years, it is no way connected with the nearby road widening project or the erection

NOTES OF THE DAY
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Mother knows best about most things, but not necessarily about the books her children should read. This blunt statement is made in the current issue of *The Parents' Magazine*. Its author, Josefa Frank, makes it as a result of long experience in the Child Study Association; and this experience leads her to lay down a very simple common sense rule about books for children. No book, she says, is a good book for a child, it fails to interest him. Conversely, if it does interest him it very likely is a good book—for him; although the child next door might not like it at all. One of our little fancies is our easy-going habit of assuming that all children are pretty much alike in their tastes. We do not make that mistake with adults; we are ready enough to admit that one man may like the works of S. S. Van Dine while his neighbour prefers Dickens. But we take it for granted that all children will like the same thing. Furthermore, we jump to the conclusion that they will like the books we ourselves liked as children. We were enthralled, for instance, by the Henry books; therefore the youngster will eat them up, and if he does not, there must be something wrong with him.

MATTER OF TASTE

Many a father has actually been horrified to discover that such a book as "Kim" bored his son to distraction, while "Ivanhoe"—which the father himself never could endure—is swallowed whole with great avidity. As a matter of fact, the parent's responsibility in regard to the books his children read is a good deal less than we sometimes suppose. About all the father or mother can do is see to it that good books are available to the youngsters. There are many mansions in the realm of literature; provide the children with the key, turn them loose—and let them sate where they choose. Children are great ones to recognise shams and to detect the second-rate. Ordinarily, a child will instinctively prefer a good book to a poor one.

APPLE ANNIE

One of the least lovely traits we possess is our fondness for making a sentimental fuss over the collins of people who never got a decent break from us while they were alive, writes Bruce Catton, columnist. That peculiar community symbolised by the word "Broadway" went in for a regular orgy of that sort of thing the other day when an old woman known as "Apple Annie" was laid to rest. Apple Annie was a poor old woman who for years supported herself by peddling apples and chewing gum on Times Square. It was not such a good way of making a living, as you can imagine; the thought of a woman of 70 keeping on the pavement in all kinds of weather to make enough for her support is not a pleasant one. But Apple Annie stuck to it, and she enjoyed a moment of fame, a year ago. Someone wrote a story about her, the story was transformed into a movie, and a press agent came along and used Apple Annie to "ballyhoo" the picture. She was turned into a lady for a day; they put her up at the Hotel, trotted her around Broadway in a big car, dressed her up in fine clothing, gave her a real meal—and then, after it was all over, let her go back to apple-peddling. As a matter of fact, people completely forgot about her. Like other businesses, the selling of apples suffered a diminishing profit margin. Besides, Apple Annie was pretty well on in years. Presently she vanished, and nobody knew what had happened. Then, a few days ago, Apple Annie turned up—in the morgue. She had died during the night, and the enfeebled old husband whom her earnings as a peddler had helped keep alive. She lay in the morgue a week before anyone recognised her. But once she was identified, Broadway turned out to give her a fine funeral. Stars from the stage and the night clubs gathered by her coffin. Expensive bouquets and wreaths were sent. Broadway, as they say, showed that it "had a heart." So Apple Annie had two big days; one when a press agent used her to "ballyhoo" a movie, and one when she was buried. If people had a decent amount of genuine human sympathy, wouldn't they have spread all that fuss out a little bit more, so that the poor old lady could have got a little good out of it?

of new residences, it is to be presumed, that they serve a necessary service. If so, they should certainly be replaced by a better type of structure. Now that the notice of the authorities, we should like to see the issue followed up further, with a view to obtaining an assurance that the area will soon be rendered less unsightly than it is at present.

PARENTS MUST FIGHT
FOR CHILDREN

By MARGARET LANE

INTEREST

in the sensational Vanderbilts case, which, after a hearing lasting seven weeks, has been concluded, now centres on the future of 10-year-old Gloria Vanderbilt, the most moving figure in one of the most remarkable lawsuits of this century. A peculiar future has been prepared by her relations for little Gloria Vanderbilt. She has no idea of it yet—riding her pony over her aunt's Long Island estate, childishly unimpressed by the legal solemnities and bitter emotional storms that have been going on around her; but as she grows older she will find the name of Gloria Vanderbilt carrying a heavy load of associations. She will go through life as the central figure of the world's most celebrated case for the custody of a child.

She cannot remember her father. He died a little more than nine years ago, never dreaming he was leaving his little million-dollar daughter to be fought over by his wife, his mother-in-law, and his own sister. If he were alive today Gloria might have had a chance of growing up as ordinary little rich girls—in privacy and the pleasant surroundings of her own unquestioned home. The judge, perhaps out of compassion for the 10-year-old child, whose mother he had heard calumniated in court by her own servants, made the proceedings private. The effect of that compassion was to whet the world's appetite for scandal in high places and set whispering a thousand rumours.

Whether Gloria will come happily out of the battle in the end, or whether her life is spoiled already, not even her mother or her aunt will know for perhaps another twenty years. It is an unhappy fact that children can be the cause and centre of the bitterest legal struggles that ever go through the courts. The child, of course, has no say in the matter, any more than a piece of property valuable enough to quarrel about. He may be valuable because he is rich, or he's a title, or because both his parents love him. Sometimes he or she may be valuable as a weapon for embittered people to use against each other. In any case, the child gets little out of it but a whispered story that will stay faithful to it for ever. Most famous of all litigations over a child—excepting only this far-reaching Vanderbilt struggle—was the Russell case of twelve years ago, which lasted two years and cost £40,000. Little Geoffrey Russell, the 9-months-old baby for whose sake his mother, the Hon. Mrs. Christabel Russell, fought her husband's divorce action up to the House of Lords, was brought into court in a bundle of white woolen shawls and examined by judge and jury. By the time the case was over and his mother had won her appeal against the decree nisi he was a handsome little boy running about and already able to talk.

The struggles of estranged parents for possession of their

children are fought out almost daily in the courts, though most of them are between people too humble to attract attention. The passionate determination of both parents to keep the child provokes such bitterness and hostility that the situation often trembles on the edge of tragedy. Early this year a young chauffeur committed suicide when the custody of his baby son was given to his wife, who had obtained a separation order against him. Kidnapping is by no means unheard of; several years ago a divorced father kidnapped his 8-year-old daughter and hid with her until he was run to earth by detectives in Antwerp and the child returned to the custody of her mother. The objection the Home Office put forward to the passing in 1926 of the long-delayed Bill giving a mother equal claims with the father to the possession of her children was that it might in extreme cases be "conducive to murder." It is difficult to believe, now, that only nine years ago a mother was not legally the parent of her child. Before 1926, even a mother with a baby at her breast could not, in law, call the child her own, or dispute its custody or control with the father. The Guardianship of Infants Act, which gave wives equal rights with their husbands, ended an absurd injustice and laid the foundations of countless legal disputes. Armed with the new power women showed themselves far reader than men to go to law for possession of a child.

Any child is unfortunate who finds itself the bone of contention between parents or relations. The child is doubly unhappy whose wealth or position makes that contention a matter of world-wide curiosity, and the sins of whose parents are visited on it in gossip and malice at least for its own generation. The law, seen through the eyes of a child growing up by its decisions, must seem a cruel and forbidding institution, dividing families and friends, taking the child sometimes from the parent he loves and delivering him over to the other, or through the unkindness of his parents to some institution.

The whole legal business of fighting for a child is unpleasant and cruel, but actually the law is the only kind thing in a very unkind tangle of human passions—human love, jealousy, greed, malice, whatever makes two or more people fight passionately for the possession of an unConcerned child. If those passions were free to fight it out without the cool intervention of the law, the potentially rich, titled, or loved child of estranged parents or guardians would have about as much chance of happy survival as a rabbit in a cage of pumas. Gloria Vanderbilt may never lose the love of her parents, but she may discover that in the whole unhappy business the intervening judge was her best and most disinterested friend.

The Very Idea!
DUMB-BELLES LETTRES

By Juliet Lowell

KITCHEN CATTLE

Auburn, Dec. 12.

Freind Sir

Wood you be kind enouf to send won of them calender We always get won of you They are got up so good (Hogs sheep cows & Mules & Horses & Chilcons) I think they are fine calender. We have had won every year in our store then I bring to my kitchchen.

If you have got 2 to spare I would like won.

In my kitchchen the Cow & so forth Look see nice I like dumb beast dearly.

Mr. Monroe A. (signed)



I bring to home the top part and hange in my kitchchen.

Style is everything
St. Louis, Mo.
May 4, 1930.

Mr. Walter Huston
Culver City, California
Dear Mr. Huston:

To come to the point quick. I want you to lend me \$500. The reason I am writing this letter to you is that I have seen so many of your pictures and you always have faith in human nature and that is why I thought you would lend me the money.

Even if you are not inclined to help me write me a letter. We could keep up a correspondance because I like your style.

Your friend to be
David H. S.

Teacher's Helpmate
Centerville, Ind.
Dec. 1, 1931.

Tony Sark, Marionette Maker
50 West 9th St.
New York City
Dear Tony:

My teacher isn't married but she wood like too be. I know you wood like her. She is most nearly pretty. I hope you have a marry Xmas and your pupeta to. I wish you goodby.

Elsie

Hope They Come Through Clean
Dear Mrs. Stanley:

I hope the sunshine is making you feel gooder. The kids am fine. I don't know anything about Mr. Stanley's whereabouts, but I think they are in the wash.

Sincerely yours,

Ella G. (signed)

One Penny
I was once travelling—this is a true story—in an express to Aberdeen. I dined in the restaurant car. Seated opposite me was a passenger, obviously well-to-do, in a fur-lined overcoat. This lad was particularly fussy about his dinner—went into committee with the waiter on almost every course; sent several dishes back for amendment; ordered specially-made toast, and so on. He gave more trouble to the staff than the rest of the diners put together.

At the end of the repast, having paid his bill, he presented the waiter with a penny.

I have often thought of this episode, and laughed. I thought of it again, this week, when I read of the Government's grant of \$2 million for the devastated areas. At a moment when (I suppose) there is more wealth in the country, seeking profitable investment, than at any time since the war.

It must be one of the mingiest, most ludicrous gestures that the Government of a prosperous country has ever made.

Admirals All

(Five retired Admirals are attending classes in carpentry under the auspices of the Portsmouth municipality.)

Admiral Smith, go get your plane

Admiral Jones, your file

Admiral Brown, let's hope the town

Will think your work worth while

Pipe to, my lads; the night is short

We can't afford to play—

Then home we'll jog for a glass of grogg

At the end of a well-spent day!

Admirals all, for England's sake

Show us what you can do;

If you bring renown to Portsmouth town

Our town will be proud of you!



"Raines, what did you think of that dress the hostess had on?"

EARLY MORNING BLAZE

CONGESTED DISTRICT THREATENED

A fire which occurred at 43 Staunton Street early this morning threatened a congested quarter.

The building was one of three storeys, situated at the angle of Elgin Street and Poole Street, being occupied on the ground floor by a barber shop and as living quarters on the other floors.

The alarm was given at 4.07 a.m., five appliances and a tender being rushed to the spot from headquarters. The top floor was well alight, indicating that the fire had broken out on one of the upper floors. After work extending over three-quarters of an hour, the fire was extinguished. Considerable damage was caused to the upper floors.

At the moment, no casualties are reported.

"SISTO" RESCUE FEAT

ALL THE CREW NOW SAFE

London, Dec. 19.

Early this morning, all sixteen members of the crew of the small Norwegian steamer Sisto, to whose help German, British and American vessels had raced through a tremendous Atlantic gale, were taken off their sinking craft by a lifeboat of the American a.s. New York.

This gallant and skillful rescue in huge seas was made possible by the help of vessels who stood by to provide shelter, poured oil on the sea and directed searchlights on the Sisto.—British Wireless.

EXPULSION OF HUNGARIANS

STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS

London, Dec. 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, stated, in reply to a Commons question, that mass expulsions of Hungarian refugees from Yugo-Slavia ceased more than a week ago, and though a limited number of deportations would seem to have taken place since, for reasons which cannot be stated with certainty, the majority of them were the result of normal application of the Yugo-Slavia alien regulations.—British Wireless.

MR. TANG CHEK-YU

SOUTH-WEST STALWART PASSES AWAY

Canton, Dec. 19.

Mr. Tang Chek-yu, one of the founders of the South-West Political Council, and a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Central Kuomintang, died at his residence here this evening at the age of 67.

Canton will go into deep mourning for the loss of one of her great leaders. Flags will be flown at half-mast today and all places of amusement will be closed for three days.—Wah Kiu Yat Po and Central News Agency.

IN WIRELESS TOUCH

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Alipore, Tungshun, Aden Maru, Saga, Toyoi Maru, Bremerhaven, Hongkong, Tungshan Maru, Cremer, Afrika, Kaituna, Trier, Kutsang, President Coolidge, Yasukuni Maru, Tottori Maru, Rokugo Maru.

OFFICERS' EXAMINATION

Nanking, Dec. 20.

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At this evening's meeting to be held by the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society, in the Lodge Room at 17, Queen's Road, Central, a public lecture will be given by Dr. K. L. Reichelt, of the Tao Fong Shan Christian Institute, Shatin. Dr. Reichelt's subject will be "Christ, the Light of the World." The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. This will be the last public meeting of the present session. Mr. Russell's lecture (booked for December 27) has been postponed to January 8, when it will be given in the Lodge's new premises in the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

A three-year-old European girl, V. Pim, was bitten by a dog belonging to Dr. E. Law, residing at "Rockhill," Saigon Road, yesterday. The girl was attended to at the Government Civil Hospital, and the dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

"SINBAD THE SAILOR"

SPIRITED PANTOMIME AT Y.M.C.A.

The first night of the pantomime, "Sinbad the Sailor," produced by the European Y.M.C.A. last night, was an entire success, a large audience witnessing one of the most rollicking and spirited shows of this nature that has been seen locally.

The songs were "well put over; the effects were good; the girls were beautiful, and the men "went wild." Considerable credit reflects on all who had a hand in tuning up the players to their degree of skill.

Opening with a chorus song, "Haul away Joe," the action is early set at fast. "The Four Tough Old Suits," Bob Selk, William Forsyth, Frank Angus, and Reggie Wood, playing the timid buccaneers Cookie, Eustace, Wiggins and Winsome, put the house in roar of laughter with the local colour which had been introduced into the rhymes. Mrs. Foglock (William Simpson) came on to sing the very catchy song of "Fourteen Rolling Sailor," with Captain Popeye (James Ferguson) and "she" showed that if she hadn't got it, she had something else which provoked mirth on every appearance she made. Ferguson was impressive in his role and showed a true nautical affection for the other sea.

Youngsters Please

Sinbad, the chief boy, was played by Audrey Steel and she is shown in a love scene with Polly the girl friend (Noreen Cooper) when they sing "I'll sing along with you" and follow up with a dance. What the girls' voices lack in volume, they make up for in sweetness.

The Orpheans' chorus brought the house down with their quaintly serious singing and dancing. These pretty little mites gave a most popular turn and after the first novelty had worn off, they threw themselves into their parts with zest. Little Winnie Ingram had, unconsciously probably, the true mystic whimsicality of pantomime.

Another chorus was provided by the fairies, pupils of Mrs. D. McLellan, who gave dainty performance of a dance which was difficult in timing and poses.

The large chorus of Sailors and Sailors' Wives, Natives, Gypsies, etc., comprised a handsome bevy of some of our best-looking beauties.

Octopus—the Old Man of the Sea—gives a weird and clever impersonation of the evil spirit of the pantomime and David Luard, who took the part, entertained with a particularly good singing voice.

Margery Bishop as the Queen of the sea fairies speaks and sings well, maintaining with Golly Ann, as the Geni of the Magic Lamp, the high standard of the performance.

Mrs. Wiggins plays a small part very efficiently but a riot of laughter is the Monster worked by Bob Bates and Dan Marshall. Selk shows talent as a tumbling clown and figures with Eustace in a fierce competition for the favours of Polly before Sinbad inartistically shatters their illusions with a well directed kick.

Loch Ness Touch

The adventures of the crew of the ship which sets sail laden with a cup of Y.M.C.A. coffee, a barrel of prawns and a barrel of health salts, is a gay and gallant business. Particularly so is the part played by the handsome Sinbad who rescues the doll-like Polly from the jaws of something which must surely be the nearest approach yet to the Loch Ness monster.

The stage work shows much care and skill and the arrangements are perfect for efficiency and realism. "Sinbad the Sailor" is worth any boy's time and money as the "Y" interpretation is true pantomime, charming entertainment, and a touch of homeside Christmas.—G.G.

NATIVITY PLAY

"THE GLADDENING LIGHT" AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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The attraction of such a play at this time of the year was demonstrated at yesterday's presentation, which was attended by a large audience.

It will be repeated this evening at 6 p.m., and to-morrow at 8.15 p.m.

DINNER AT Y.M.C.A.

FESTIVE FUNCTION FOR SERVICE MEN

The West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A. was filled on Monday evening, when 150 Service men from all units in Hongkong were entertained to a dinner and smoking concert under the auspices of the Service Dinner Committee. A substantial dinner was prepared under the direction of Mrs. B. M. Foster, a home-like touch being given by the serving of the dinner by 34 members of the Y.M.C.A. Women's Section, under Mrs. H. Burson and Mrs. A. R. Brown.

Immediately dinner was over a lively entertainment was given by members of the concert party from H.M.S. Medway, who kept their audience on very good terms with themselves.

Shortly before the programme concluded, the Chairman of the Services Committee, Mr. A. R. Brown, expressed thanks on behalf of the guests, to the directors and members of the Y.M.C.A. who had subscribed the funds for the entertainment; to the ladies who had served the dinner, and to the Medway concert party. Mr. Brown also thanked his fellow Committee Members for their untiring efforts, and also the following local business houses, for their gift of crackers, fruit, cigarettes, chocolate, etc.—Lane, Crawford, British American Tobacco Co., David Boag & Co., Nestle & Anglo Swiss Milk Co., Wing Coffee Co., Asia Company, Sun Company, Wing On Co.

The Chairman gave a special welcome to those of the guests who were newcomers to the City, and extended a cordial invitation to all to avail themselves to the full of the various facilities offered by the Service section.

SILVER WEDDING

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. HICKS FROM COLLEAGUES

As a mark of appreciation from his colleagues, Mr. A. Hicks, the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph, was presented with a gift yesterday to commemorate his silver wedding anniversary. The presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers, members of the editorial staffs of the Telegraph and Morning Post, by Mr. B. Wylie, who mentioned that it was a pleasant thing for Mr. Hicks to look back to twenty-five years of married bliss in Hongkong.

In handing over the gift, a sterling silver coffee set and a silver cigarette box, he wished Mr. and Mrs. Hicks continued happy years, up to and beyond their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. Hicks, in expressing thanks, referred to the help and encouragement he had received in his career from his wife.

MUST PASS TEST

NEW BRITISH TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

London, Dec. 19.

The Minister of Transport has given the statutory 40 days' notice to enable the new Motor Driving Licence Regulations, including practical tests of new drivers to be brought into force.

The tests will be carried out by official examiners, but the Post Office service, departments and firms employing at least 250 drivers will be allowed to conduct their own tests.—British Wireless.

YACHTING

Commodore Elliott Wins "A" Class Race

Yesterday the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held the fifth of their series of Wednesday races. Commodore Elliott won the race for "A" class yachts, when he piloted Jan over the course of 6.4 miles. Heron, with Captain Ingle at the tiller, captured the race for "I," "Y" and "G" class vessels.

The following are the results:

	Class	Race	Start	Finish	Time	Defendants' Evidence
Carpenter	I	1	14.19.38	14.20.00	1	
(Lieut. Cdr. Skryme)	I	2	14.19.38	14.20.00	1	
Wasp	II	3	14.19.45	14.20.00	1	
(Mr. Brundrett)	II	4	14.19.45	14.20.00	1	
Isob	II	5	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
(Dr. Davis)	II	6	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
Crusader	II	7	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
(Mr. J. Portman)	II	8	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
Paladin	II	9	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
(Commodore F. Elliott)	II	10	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
Painted Lady	II	11	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
(Mr. H. V. King)	II	12	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
Albatross	II	13	14.19.55	14.20.00	1	
Jade	II	14	14.20.00	14.20.00	2	
(Lieut. R. H. Williams)	II	15	14.20.00	14.20.00	2	
Heron	II	16	14.20.00	14.20.00	2	
(Capt. Ingle)	II	17	14.20.00	14.20.00	2	
Robins	II	18	14.20.14	14.20.30	8	
Widow	II	19	14.20.05	14.20.24	8	
(Mr. R. E. Dixon)	II	20	14.20.45	14.20.32	7	
Cast	II	21	14.20.45	14.20.52	7	
(Capt. Quinlan)	II	22	14.20.45	14.20.58	4	
Eagle	II	23	14.20.50	14.20.58	4	
(Mr. F. Anthony)	II	24	14.20.50	14.20.52	3	
Lola	II	25	14.20.55	14.20.52	3	
(Mr. P. G. Parker)	II	26	14.20.55	14.20.52	3	

It is announced that the draw for St. John's Cup Sweepstakes in connection with the Fanning Hunt & Race Club's Steeplechase on Sunday, will take place at the Kwanty Course at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday.

SUMMONS FAILS

DEPARTMENT'S USE OF DISCRETIONARY POWER

A plea of innocent intentions was successfully raised by Mr. H. L. Denny on behalf of the Sino-American Optical Co. yesterday, in one of two summonses in respect of the alleged infringement of trade descriptions belonging to the New York Pencil Co., who had strongly criticized the Import and Export Department for, he said, bringing the prosecution without a written complaint, and also for summarily proceeding with the seizure of the goods asked for costs allowable under the Ordinance, against the Department.

The Sino-American Optical Co., who are also dealers in pens and pencils, of 238 Queen's Road Central, were proceeded against on two summonses, the first for putting pencils to frames that did not appropriately belong to those pencils, and therefore using a false trade description; and the second for having in their possession and exposing false pens and pencils to which a false trade description was applied. The case was heard by Mr. Schofield in the Central Magistracy.

Mr. Denny mentioned the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under the Merchandise Marks Ordinance, which required that a written statement of complaint from the aggrieved party must first be furnished to the Attorney General or the Superintendent of Imports and Exports before a prosecution could be instituted. The Assistant Superintendent, in the present case, counsel contend, was stretching his delegated powers in proceeding without that written complaint.

Discretionary Power

Mr. Kennedy-Skipton: We are using our discretion in bringing this prosecution without putting in any evidence as to the statements given us.

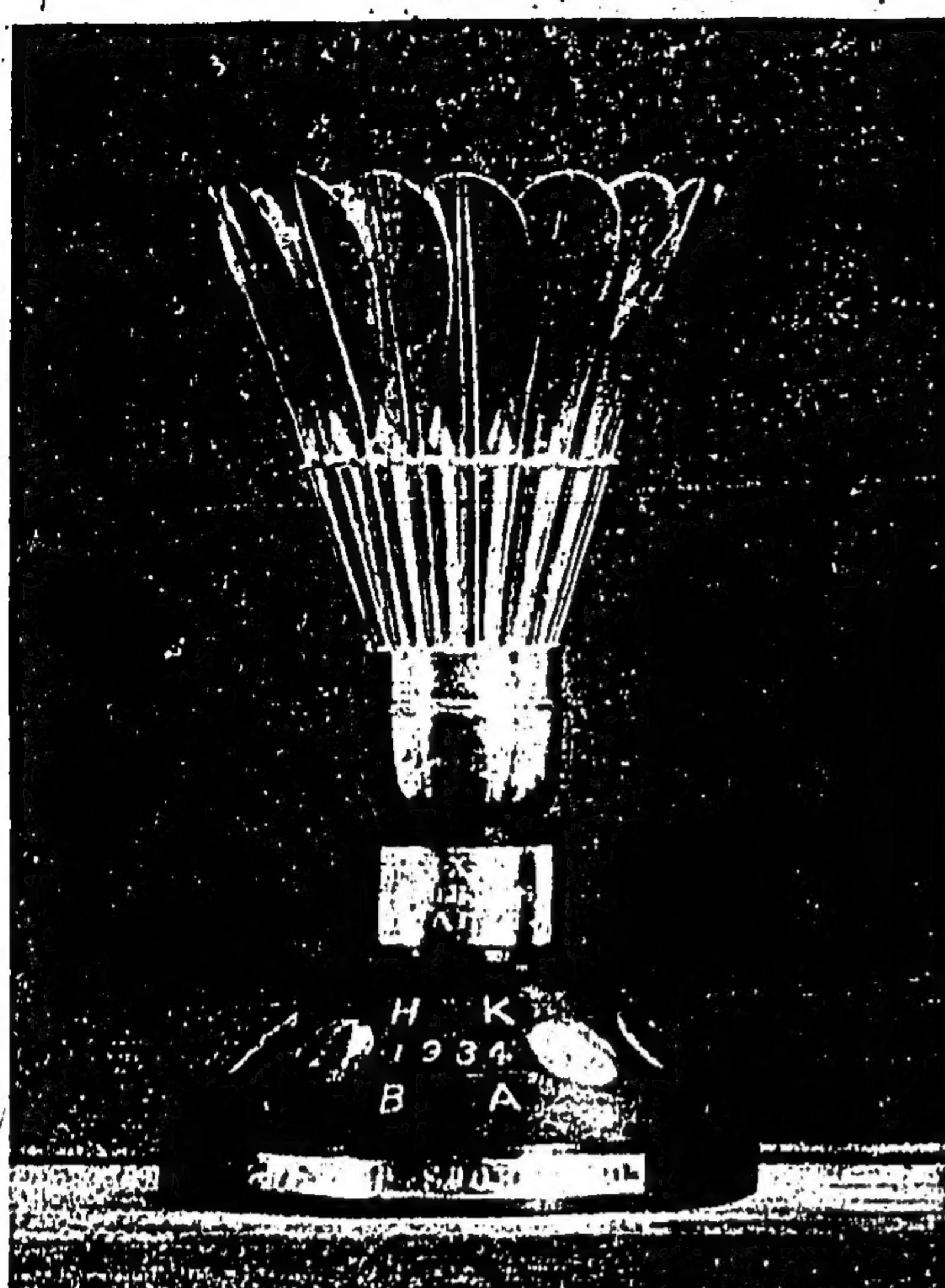
Mr. Kennedy-Skipton pointed out that his discretionary power was in the words "may require," in the Section (No. 2) referring to the written statement.

His Worship: I am not sure that under the Regulations a Magistrate is liable to consider this point. It appears from the Regulations that it is entirely a matter for the Attorney-General and the Superintendent of Imports and Exports. But I think, in consideration of the penalty, that the prosecution should make it clear that the public interests are endangered by the offence alleged.

Mr. Kennedy-Skipton: This is directly inimical to the interests of the trade on which the prosperity of the Colony is based. As your Worship is well aware, goods that are sold here and also those which enter into the transit trade into China are dealt with chiefly by foreign agents or the makers, or through other entrepreneurs in

AMERICA'S DAVIS CUP CHANCES FOR 1935 DIMMED

BADMINTON TROPHY



Above is a photograph of the handsome trophy presented by Dunlop Sports Co. for competition between Mixed Doubles teams in the Hongkong Badminton League.

THE YEAR'S GOLF

TRIUMPH OF YOUTH

Youth triumphant! That is the verdict of 1934—a golfing year which has seen the return of the Open Championship Cup to Great Britain and the arrival of many new promising players. The old order has changed. Newcomers have challenged the supremacy of players with established reputations, and many championship scrolls contain fresh names.

For British golf the year has been one both of delight and despair. Great Britain again failed to win the Walker Cup, and the women players went on a fruitless quest to America to be beaten in the first match for the Curtis Cup. Yet Henry Cotton's remarkable victory in the British Open Championship at Sandwich—the first home triumph for eleven years—came as a tonic to British golf, and enabling a look on the future with confidence.

Cotton equalled the championship aggregate of 283, and created

records in some of his rounds. That was the "high-spot" of British golf of the year.

SOME SUCCESSES

W. Lawson Little recaptured the Amateur Championship for America, and in doing so defeated J. Wallace, a Troon artisan, in the final by the record margin of 14 up, and 12 to play. Little returned to the States to win his national amateur title, and he also assisted his country to retain the Walker Cup, which has been in their custody since the inception of the international contest with Britain. Jack McLean won the Scottish amateur title for the third successive year, and Mrs. Holm, a class player for many years, won the British women's title for Scotland after a lapse of 23 years.

"Discoveries" of the year were:—J. C. Brown, the Irish native champion; Hector Thomson, the Irish Open champion; Miss Phyllis Wade, the new English champion; and Miss Nancy Jupp, a 13-year-old Scot, who sensational won the British Girls' Championship.

Sid Brews, the South African champion, finished second to Cotton in the Open Championship, and won the French and Dutch Open titles before returning to the Cape.

The Macao Hockey players will be leaving Hongkong on board the S.S. Tlawa on December 24 for Singapore, where they will engage local teams in a series of hockey matches, including an Interport game. They return on January 6.

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Yesterday's Rugger Game

NAVY XV FAIL TO IMPRESS

(By "Linesman")

The Navy will have to show up much better than they did yesterday if they are going to give the Club a good game on Saturday in their Triangular Tournament fixture. Against the Club's "A" XV yesterday they were decidedly weak despite the fact that they scored 21 points without reply.

There wasn't a good three-quarter movement during the whole of the exchanges and the handling was also of a very poor order on both sides.

Crews, who was included in the Navy side as a try-out was conspicuous on several occasions with the Navy "threes" and it was through a brilliant cross-kick from near the corner flag that Dibsdall was able to touch down their second try. With the inclusion of Crews, Marsh, who usually plays as an inside three-quarter, moved into the full-back position.

Benson was the pick of the defence, showing a useful turn of speed and being responsible for grounding three of the tries.

The Club only had five of their first team in, namely Lammert at full-back, Robertson, three-quarter, and Peers, Munro and Cumming, forwards. With the exception of these there was no one who figured prominently. Throughout the game the Club forwards were packing much too high.

The first try came soon after the start when the Club were two men short, Benson going over following a movement which started near the "25" line. Roome added the extras. Before the interval Dibsdall put the Navy further ahead when he grounded a nicely placed cross-kick from Crews which landed just behind the posts. Roome again converted.

The Navy opened strongly in the second half and Benson scored his second try when he intercepted a pass and reached the line just as he was brought down by Peers. Whitfield missed with the kick.

Hammitt scored the next when he punted over Lammert's head and raced round him to touch down for an unconverted try. Benson obtained his third try soon afterwards when he gathered near to the "25" line and scored close to the posts. Roome majored.

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LOTT'S 1935 TOUR

New York, Dec. 19.

George Lott turned professional; Frank Shields entered the movies; Lester Stoefen is expected to join the professionals any day now. All of which dims American Davis Cup hopes for 1935.

George Lott, the world's foremost doubles player and member of every Davis Cup team since 1928 with the exception of 1932, signed to make a professional tour in 1935, opening at Madison Square Garden on January 9. Terms were not revealed, but it is understood he declined a \$10,000 straight offer in favour of 12% per cent. of the gross receipts.

In making the announcement, O'Brien admitted he and Tilden had been negotiating with Stoefen of Los Angeles, the country's third ranking player and Lott's doubles partner. They had hoped that the California Giant would sign shortly.

Lott and Stoefen scored the only point for the United States against England in the 1934 Davis Cup Challenge round. Later they successfully defended their United States national doubles title. In addition they hold the indoor title.

Lott was ranked among the first ten American singles players virtually every year for the past decade.

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BADMINTON LEAGUE

LAST NIGHT'S MEN'S DOUBLES MATCHES

The K.C.C. dropped two points in the Men's Doubles "A" Division of the Hongkong Badminton League last night when they were defeated by seven games to two by St. Andrew's on their own Courts.

N.A.E. Mackay and F. V. Wong were the weakest Saints' pair and it was against them that the K.C.C. won their two games, C. Wigg and S. P. Simcock and E. Zimmern and E.G. Warren being the victors.

Scores

The full scores are appended: C. Wigg and S. P. Simcock (K.C.C.) lost to E.F. Flincher and H. Kew; 8-21; lost to Chung and F.A. Brondbridge, 4-21; bent N.A.E. Mackay and F.V. Wong, 21-12.

E. Zimmern and E.G. Warren (K.C.C.) lost to Flincher and Kew, 6-21; lost to Chung and Brondbridge, 7-21; beat Mackay and Wong, 8-21.

E. Kirby and H.L. Langtry (K.C.C.) lost to Flincher and Kew, 1-21; lost to Chung and Brondbridge, 10-21; lost to Mackay and Wong, 8-21.

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American Football will be one of the feature sports attractions for the week-end. On Sunday afternoon, at 3.30 p.m. on Hongkong Football Club Ground a grand American collegiate game, between Coach Fred Chang Dr. J. M. Henry's strong Lingnan University team from Canton and the local eleven coached by Harry Chang, husky tackle from Hawaii. This will be the second game to be played in Hongkong in the last eight years.

These two teams met in a whole game, which was packed full of action and thrills, on Thanksgiving Day in Canton, and delighted thousands of fans in the Chinese city. In this tussle, the Canton pigskin carriers took the measure from their Hongkong rivals, scoring two touchdowns to

one. Since this game, both teams have been working daily with stiff scrimmages for their return meeting in Hongkong, and the game on Sunday should provide as much or even more thrills for those who venture out to Happy Valley Sunday afternoon.

HONGKONG STRENGTHENED

FRIENDLY CRICKET

I.R.C. 1st Eleven Against Kowloon C.C.

The following will represent the Indian R. C. first eleven in their friendly cricket match against the Kowloon Cricket Club ground commencing at 7 p.m.

F. D. Perera (Capt.), A. R. Minu S. A. Ismail, A. H. Ruminah, M. P. Madar, A. R. Abus, A. Rahim, A. M. Omar, A. M. Ruminah, M. el Aroulli and Y. Hassan, Reserve, T. Ali.

INDIAN JUNIORS

The following will represent the Indian R. C. Junior team against the Police in a friendly match at Happy Valley: A. R. Ismail (Capt.), M. R. Abus, A. Baker, A. H. Baker, A. R. Kitchell, M. J. Razack, M. Atzal, A. K. Sufiuddin, T. Ismail, Y. el Arculli and I. S. A. Curreem.

SCHOOL MATCH

In a friendly cricket match played at the Diocesan Boys' School grounds yesterday, the Headmaster's Eleven defeated the D. B. S. Eleven by seven wickets. The winning team compiled a total of 161 runs for seven wickets, the top-scorers being D. J. Luard (38 retired), A. T. Lee (22 not out), and A. J. Saunders (22 not out). The D. B. S. Eleven hit up 95 runs, the top-scorer being Holes (26). A. T. Lee captured four wickets for 11 runs, for the Headmaster's Eleven.

CHINESE CITY

Coach Chang has been driving his maroon and silver chariot around the Chinese city, concentrating on their fine attacks and long passes.

Their plays are to be seen around William Meeker, tough fullback, triple threat man from Whittier University, and Lawrence Lew, 160-lb half back from University of Washington.

It was William Meeker's display

in defense that checked the Hongkong team from scoring on Thanksgiving Day, and Hongkong has

realized the fact that Meeker must be stopped on Sunday.

It was learned that Joe Kau Lingnan's halfback, who was

injured in the last game, will not

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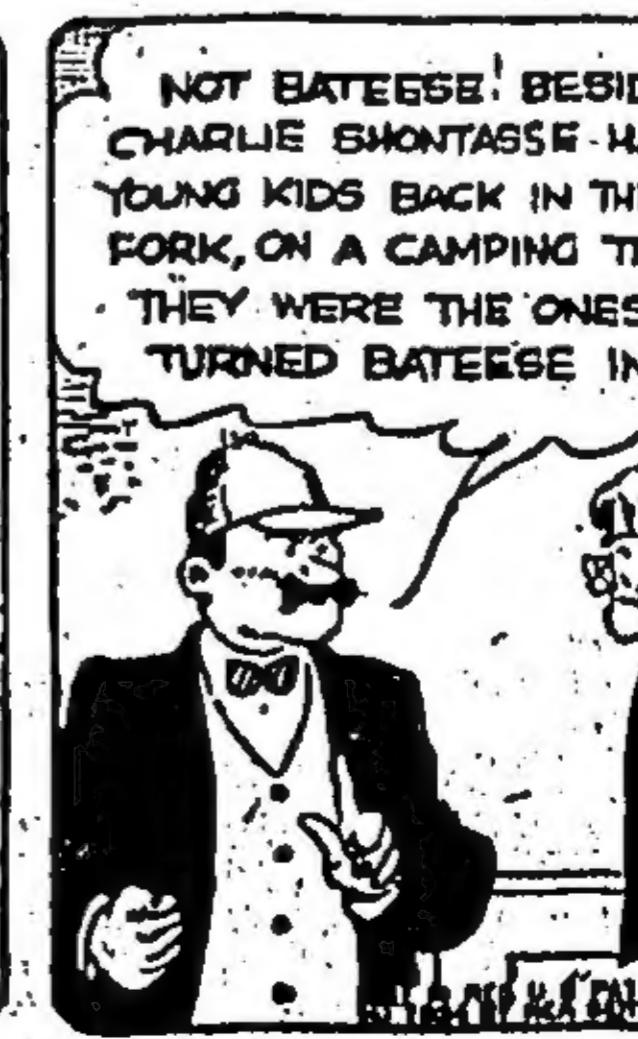
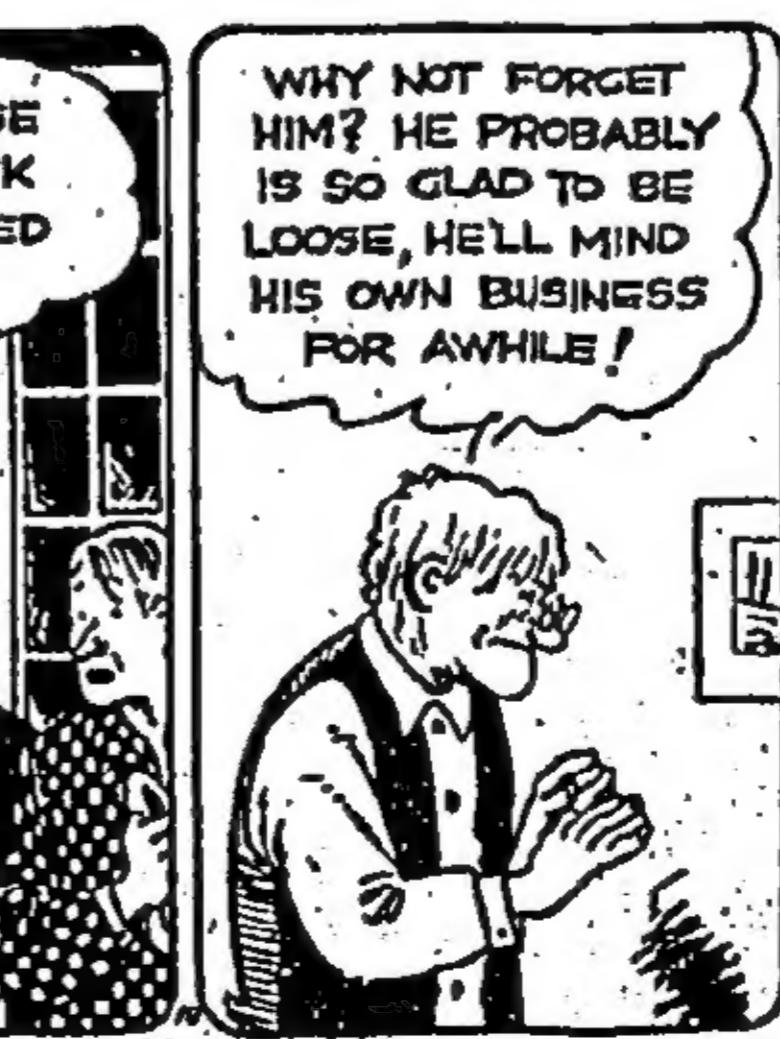
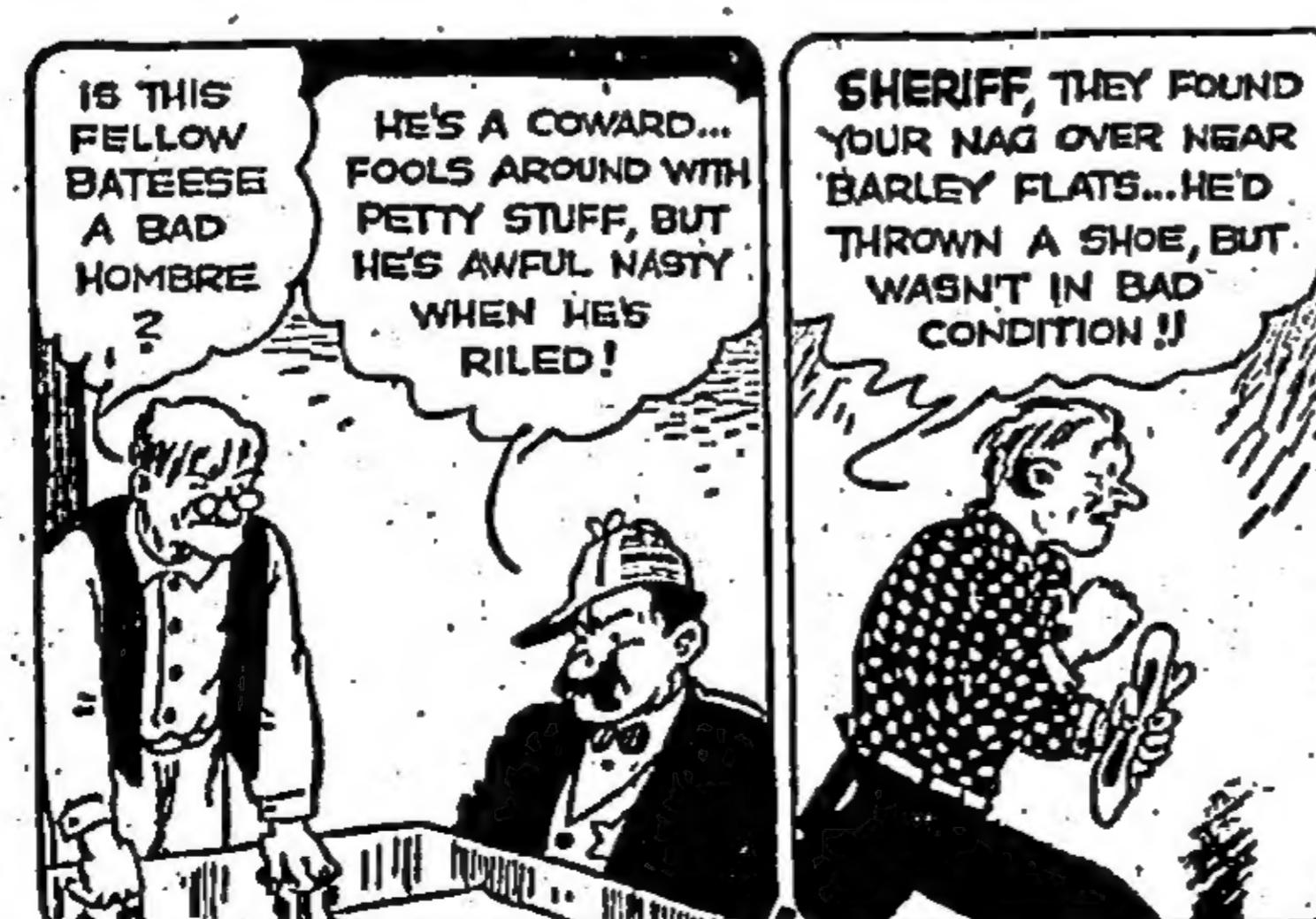
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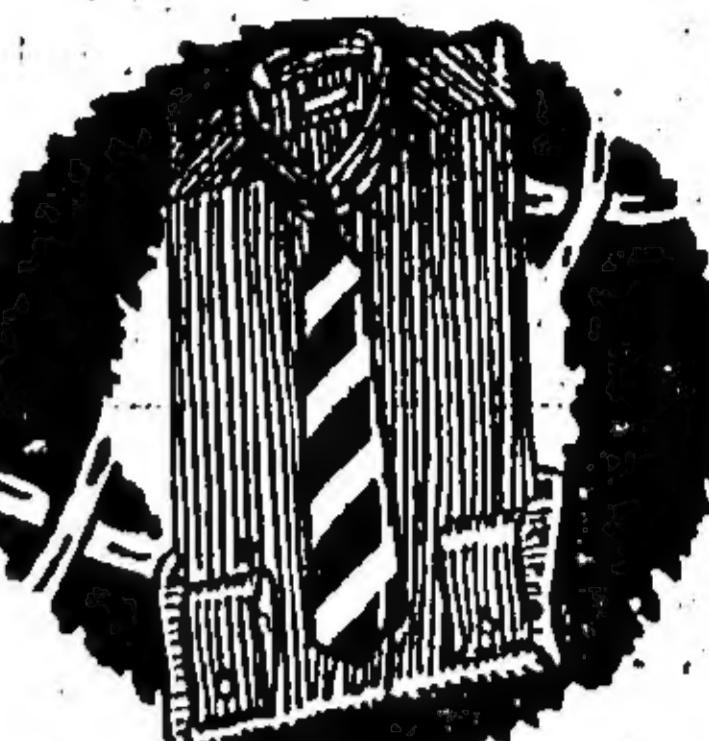
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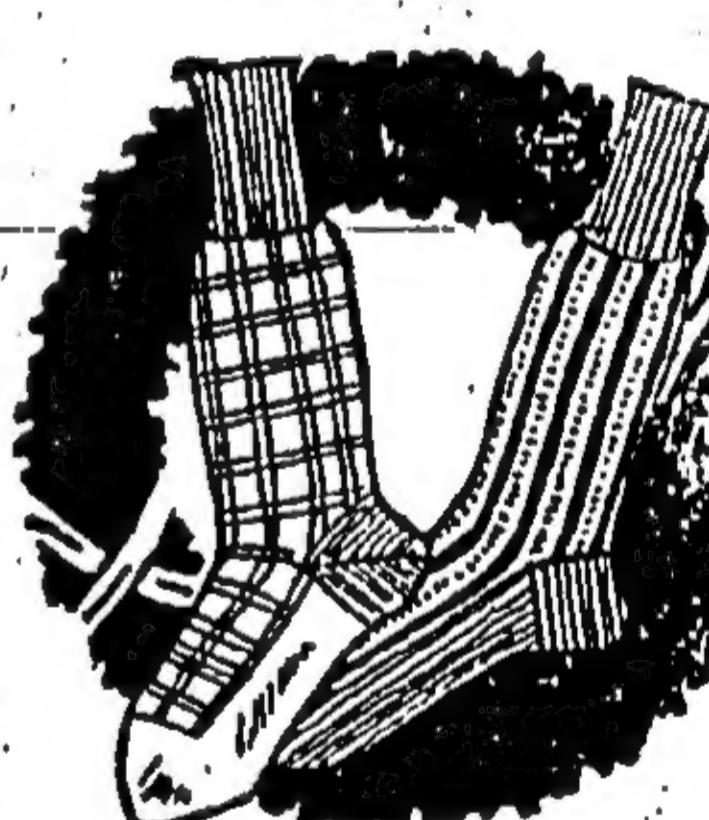
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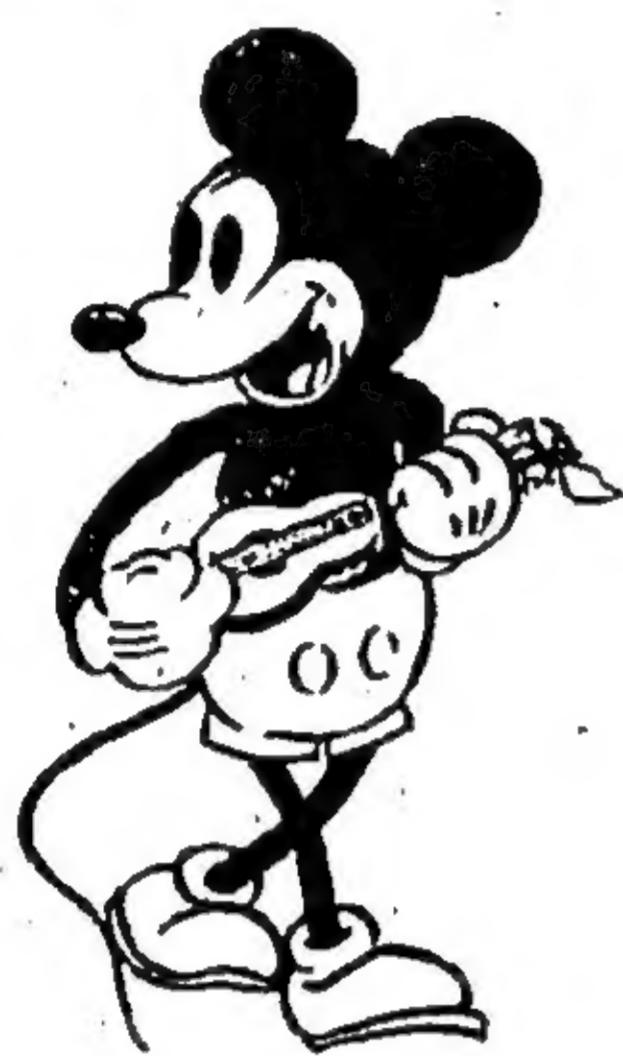
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The wedding took place at Christ Church, Shameen, on Tuesday afternoon of Miss Mary D. Ricketts and Mr. Gaundry Phillips, the Rev. C. D. Cousins, London Mission, officiating at the ceremony.

The bride, who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ricketts of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, was born in Hongkong and, for some time, lived in Canton until the family moved to Canada. For the past two and a half years, she has been teaching at St. Hilda's School in Canton. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Phillips of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. He was born in Pontycymmer, South Wales, but left for Canada at an early age. Mr. Phillips has been teaching in Hongkong for the past year and a half and is now a member of the staff of the Ying Wu Boys' College in Kowloon.

Bride in White Satin

The bride, who was given away by the Rev. H. Davies of the New Zealand Presbyterian Mission at Canton, looked charming in a white satin gown. With this was worn a short train and a long veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossom. Little Miss Ruth Boyson as train-bearer was dressed in an ankle-length golden brown silk dress. The bride carried a bouquet of white and yellow chrysanthemums.

The Misses Jean McNeur, of Kong Chuen (New Zealand Presbyterian Mission), and Ruth McCullough, teacher at Lingnan University, Canton, were bridesmaids and wore green silk gowns trimmed with cream lace. Cream gloves and cream silk hats were worn and bouquets of coppered chrysanthemums were carried.

Flower Girls in Brown

The two flower girls, the Misses Lois Bonson and Mary Lee Rankin, wore ankle-length golden brown silk dresses, brown velvet hair bows and carried baskets of gold chrysanthemums.

Mr. H. Davies, who acted in place of the bride's mother, chose a figured brown silk gown with brown silk coat, hat and shoes to match. She carried a colonial bouquet of brown button chrysanthemums.

The duties of best man were undertaken by Mr. Geoff. and Mrs. H. Davies at Kong Chuen, Canton. After the health of the happy couple had been proposed, they left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Manila. On leaving, Mrs. Phillips wore a green sweater suit, fawn hat and gloves with brown shoes and stockings. She carried a green purse.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Davies at Kong Chuen, Canton. After the health of the happy couple had been proposed, they left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Manila. On leaving, Mrs. Phillips wore a green sweater suit, fawn hat and gloves with brown shoes and stockings. She carried a green purse.

Hollywood Speaks

"Hollywood Speaks", Columbia film now showing at the Alhambra, is a timely story of Hollywood. The true-to-life-the-extravagant girl is revealed. The inside dope on the great directors, an intimate kaleidoscope view of studio life on the other side of the cameras. It's Hollywood turned inside out. Genevieve Tobin and Pat O'Brien head a cast that in-

CINEMA NEWS

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"Uncertain Lady"

"Uncertain Lady" the Universal picture opening to-day at the Queen's Theatre is a corking comedy drama of a business woman who thought she was smart enough to play with love openly and make her husband, who seemed to have gone temporarily astray, come back to the fold.

It is easy to imagine the comedy situations of two women apparently fighting over the type of husband you know Edward Everett Horton would portray. Genevieve Tobin is the appealingly attractive but calculating business wife, a role she has played to perfection in many fine pictures.

Horton is the over-nervous, over-timid and certainly un-glamorous husband. When his business wife finds he wants to be off with another woman, she attempts to give him his freedom provided he finds her a new husband. Imagine the possibilities in that theme! They have all been fully realized by the excellent direction of Karl Freund.

The supporting cast includes such players as Paul Cavanagh, Dorothy Peerless, Renée Gadd, George Meeker, Herbert Corbell, Mary Nash and in this entertaining picture, Renée Gadd, beautiful young English actress, makes her first appearance on the American screen.



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The Coroner was assisted by the following jury—Mr. E. A. Rosa (Foreman), Mr. G. L. Hill and Mr. Chan Nai-in.

Inspector M. H. Hourihan was present on behalf of the Police.

Dr. L. D. Pringle, medical officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, said that the cause of death was rupture of the heart due to the degeneration of its muscle following a blow on the chest, in his opinion. It was not a heart blow.

He added that from the appearance of the wounds on the skin it could not have been a powerful explosion. There was no burning and the wounds were such as might have been caused by merely throwing stones at the person.

Liu Fuk, cooling foreman, testified that Lo Pat knew nothing about blasting. At 8.45 a.m. on the day in question, deceased was holding a 12 lb hammer and hit a rock as the rock was one foot higher than the level surface in the nullah. In the course of striking there was an explosion. Witness was surprised by it. The blast sounded as usual; no more, no less.

Li Ki, another foreman, said that on the evening of November 28 there were two blasts. Liu Yau, a quarryman, was in charge of setting the blasts. Liu Yau left after finishing his work on November 26 and witness had never seen him again. It was witness' duty to direct the holes to be drilled and their positions. He inspected them at the finish.

The Coroner: Can you offer any explanation why this shot went off twice?

Powder Overlooked?

Witness replied the rock was not properly split the previous night and it was possible that one packet of powder did not go off. The paper may have prevented the fuse from getting to it.

Witness examined the hole the previous night and found it was cracked but not broken to pieces.

His Worship suggested that if water were poured into the hole after a discharge it might prevent a happening of this nature in the future.

Witness agreed.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said Liu Yau had worked for one week. He was a good quarryman, knew about blasting and obeyed instructions.

His Worship mentioned that he sent the papers to the Government Analyst, who had expressed an opinion on paper that the rock dust from the hole resisted part of the blast. Shock, friction or percussion could cause blast.

The Coroner: Is it possible that the charge was an old charge and had been overlooked?

Witness: No.

After Chan Ming, a labourer who was standing nearby at the time of the accident, had given evidence, the Coroner summed up briefly.

The jury, after a brief retirement, returned a verdict of accidental death due to some misplacement or dispensing of the powder and added, as a rider, the suggestion that precaution might be adopted of pouring water in the shot-hole of a discharge before permitting work to proceed the following day.

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SERIAL STORY

The Clue Of The Forgotten Murder:

By CARLETON KENDRAKE

CHAPTER XXXVIII

Fisher turned to the two men. "Have you gentlemen any questions you want to ask?"

Griff shook his head. "I'm satisfied," he said.

Bleeker hesitated for a moment. Then he said, "No, there's nothing I can think of."

Griff turned to the girl. "I want her promise," he said, "that she won't leave this room for at least an hour."

Fisher turned to the girl. "You heard what he said?"

"Who is he?" she asked. "And why do I have to do what he says?"

"Because I'm telling you to," Fisher said. "He's working on the same side of the case that I am."

"Very well," she said. "I'll promise."

"Naturally," Griff remarked, turning to the attorney. "We should look up this Malone woman."

"She comes next," Fisher agreed.

"Can you?" asked Griff. "Tell me what this thing is all about?"

"You know almost as much as I do," the lawyer told him. "I have been having some difficulty tracing this young woman. I finally succeeded. I think that there is a very deep laid plot afoot. I am afraid that the plot has already gone too far."

"You know this chauffeur well?"

Griff asked.

"Not well enough," the lawyer said.

"I will admit that I overlooked a bit there. I thought that there was something mysterious about the bequest to the chauffeur which Mr. Cathay insisted on putting in the will. I have thought from time to time that the chauffeur was a little too sure of himself, that his manner at times bordered on insolence, but I haven't taken the trouble to make any complete investigation. I see now that I should have done that, as Cathay's attorney and as a friend of the family."

Griff nodded, his eyes were half-closed.

"I suggest," he said, "that we discuss this matter further in the lobby of the hotel. Stella Mockley has promised us to remain here. I feel certain that she will do so. I think that now she realizes only too well the seriousness of the crime in which she has become involved."

The girl nodded her head.

Fisher took Griff's arm, nodded to Bleeker. The three men left the room, walked slowly down the corridor.

"Gentlemen," said Fisher in a low voice which showed the intensity of his concentration, "you can commence to appreciate the real situation. Here we have a crook whose name, evidently, is Peter Malone. He has undoubtedly made a study of the life and habits of Frank B. Cathay. Why I do not know. He cashed a small cheque while he was masquerading as Cathay. I do not know the reason for that, unless it was, perhaps, to test out his signature."

"I'm not relying on your assurance," the publisher said. "I'm making no promises."

Fisher apparently reached a sudden decision. He turned and strode along the corridor until he faced the two men.

"Gentlemen," he said in tones of quiet determination, "promise or no promise, I am going to tell you my theory of this case. It is a theory which is amply substantiated by the facts. In the developments which are bound to follow we will have need

check them with you. First, Peter Malone takes steps to identify himself as Frank B. Cathay. He goes to the trouble of perfecting his signature so that it is an almost perfect forgery of the signature of Frank B. Cathay. He goes to the trouble of picking the pocket of Frank B. Cathay in order to secure identifying cards.

He goes to considerable expense in connection with the renting of an automobile and getting a room in a hotel where he can masquerade for a short time only as Cathay. While he is making this masquerade he cashes a small cheque. I ask you, therefore, what can possibly be the motive of such a crime?"

Griff suddenly gave an exclamation. "By Jove!" he said, "I have it!"

Fisher stared steadily at him. "Wait a moment," he said, "and see if you conclusions check with mine."

"I was thinking," Griff said slowly, "that cashing the cheque might be much more important than the amount of cash received."

Bleeker frowned at the two men. "I confess," he said, "I don't follow what is it?"

"What is it?" Bleeker asked.

The attorney turned to him. "You are a newspaper publisher, Mr. Bleeker. I am acting as attorney for Mrs. Cathay and for the Cathay estate. My duty to my client probably requires me to keep silent and yet we have been thrown together so that I feel it is, in a measure, a joint undertaking. I am, therefore, going to outline this theory to you—a theory which I feel certain will be amply supported by proof. I am going to ask you, however, for your word of honour that you will allow no rumour of this to creep into your paper until we are ready to make the announcement."

"Unfortunately, however, he was of an amorous disposition as is so frequently the case with criminals of his type. He allowed himself to become involved with a young woman who, according to her own account, made things very easy for him. In fact, considering her story, she was perhaps the aggressor in making the acquaintanceship. The man saw no reason why he should not yield to the temptation of the moment but fate intervened. In company with the young woman he was arrested for a minor traffic violation. He was taken to police headquarters. He tried desperately to secure his release, without giving the name of Cathay. He might have done so had the police not checked up the registration of the car he was driving and found that it had been rented under the name of Cathay. Having gone so far, there was only one thing to do. That was to rely upon the identity of Cathay to get him released from jail as quickly as possible."

"But," Bleeker objected, "that doesn't make sense—it isn't logic." "Why isn't it logic?" the attorney asked.

"Because, if this Peter Malone wanted to establish his signature as that of Frank Cathay he defected his own purpose. Just as soon as Cathay would receive his statement from the bank he would recognize that the cheque was one he had not given and that it was a forgery."

Fisher's smile was just a little pat-on-the-back.

"I think, Mr. Bleeker," he said, "that you have missed the deadly significance of this entire matter, but I feel certain that your companion, Mr. Griff, is keenly aware of it. Shall you tell him, Mr. Griff, or shall I?"

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After East's over-call of one spade, Mr. Frank explained to me that his jump to two no trump might appear optimistic, but knowing that his partner had an original bid with a five-card heart suit and his hand contained almost an original bid, with a fit in hearts, he felt justified in inviting game.

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West's opening lead was the nine of spades. The jack was played from dummy and East's ten dropped. The king of hearts was then cashed, East showing out and discarding a spade.

Now all Mr. Frank had to do was to return to his hand with the king of diamonds, cash the ace of spades and then lead a small heart, finessing the seven spot, thereby making his contract of three no trump.

Now I want to give you Mr. Frank's reasoning on the hand. He said, "I decided that East held six spades, due to the fact that West had opened with the nine and played the deuce on the second trick. I also decided that East held four clubs, 'as the return of the small club looked like the fourth best lead.'

"Why had East abandoned spades and shifted to clubs? The reason for the shift must be that East did not have a re-entry and therefore decided to lead up to dummy's weakness, hoping to establish some club tricks for his partner. I knew there was no need to lay off this trick, so I won with the ace."

At this point I would like to have my readers stop and consider what they would now lead and why.

Before playing to the next trick, Mr. Frank took inventory. He had won a club trick, he had two sure diamond tricks and a spade. To make his contract he needed five heart tricks. Now came the problem as how to play the heart suit. Mr. Frank decided that East did not hold the queen, otherwise he

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would have tried to establish the spade suit.

What damaging card could East hold? The ten spot could be the only one. Therefore it would be suicidal to lead a small heart and finesse the nine. So he had to lead the jack, hoping that East did not hold more than the ten and small heart, which he was going to try and drop.

West covered with the queen, the ace was played from dummy and East's ten dropped. The king of hearts was then cashed, East showing out and discarding a spade.

Now all Mr. Frank had to do was to return to his hand with the king of diamonds, cash the ace of spades and then lead a small heart, finessing the seven spot, thereby making his contract of three no trump.

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This is the third of six hands by Aaron Frank, North bids diamonds and hearts. West finally buys the contract at three no trump. It was played by four of the greatest-card players in the country. The contract was defeated three tricks by getting a squeeze on declarer. Try it as South.

♦ K 10
♦ 10 3
♦ A Q J 4 3
♦ 2 6 4 2

♦ Q 10 13
♦ 9 6
♦ 10 6 6
♦ Q 9 5

♦ A 7 6
♦ 2
♦ K 8 2
♦ A 10

♦ 9 8 6 2
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SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Owing to pressure on space, it was not possible to publish any part of the annual report of the Ying Wa Girls' School, yesterday. The report shows a successful year's work, and stresses the teaching of services to others, as the following extracts indicate:

For the first time we began our school year in September, in order to come in line with the new School Certificate Examination. In a sense therefore it is true to say that this year has been one of adjustment. This is particularly true in the case of the two top classes of the Middle School. Since both would be entering for the School Certificate Examination next June, it seemed advisable that they should begin to work together at once. In most subjects this plan was adopted, but at the same time an opportunity was given to the few in the Senior class to read more widely than is usually possible.

For the first term of the year we had still with us, the candidates for the last of the Senior Local Examinations. The results of their examinations have been already reported as they belonged more properly to the last school year.

During the year numbers have kept up well, the average enrolment being 402, and the average daily attendance 380, an average of 96.7 per cent. It is cheering to reflect on the good health of the scholars which these figures imply. Of the absences, the greater part are in the spring when infectious diseases occur, especially among the little ones. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those parents who have co-operated with us in notifying such illnesses and of urging on all the wisdom of so doing, and of excluding such cases for the specified period of quarantine.

The Girls' Progress.

In the Upper Middle school, while there are no certificates, work has continued steadily in the absence of external examinations. In the other departments of the school, girls have qualified for the certificates that mark the completion of different stages in their school career. From the Lower Middle school, fifteen girls graduated, and we are glad that all but one have returned to begin their Upper Middle school course. From the Primary school; twenty-three girls graduated, while four others who are not entitled to certificates, as they have not been more than a year in the school, qualified for promotion. Fifteen little people completed the Kindergarten course of two years.

In May, four girls sat for the local examinations of the Trinity College of Music. One passed in the Junior Division, one obtained honours, one passed in the Preparatory Division, Chan of Shanghai who portrayed to

and the fourth obtained Honours in the First Step Division.

We were fortunate to begin the year with almost no change of staff, and as I look back on the work done during the year and see the progress made, not only in work but in individual development of the scholars, want to express my appreciation of the loyal and ungrudging service of the staff, both Chinese and non-Chinese. They have given liberally in class teaching, as form mistresses and in the many extras which interpret the meaning and purpose of the school.

The English Society formed last year has proved a lively society. It has had several talks on other countries and members have the selves undertaken to give short papers and have entered into the spirit of debate and play service. It has been interesting to watch the progress made in spoken English in readiness and fluency and to note the increased demand for story books. The correspondence with girls in other countries has been well maintained. There have been several outings, one of these a visit of inspection to the Dairy Farm.

Fellowship Club

The Wah Kwong Club—This older society whose membership is open to all Middle school girls, was established under the Y.W.C.A. seventeen years ago. Its activities have changed considerably, but it is still founded on the same principles of Christian co-operation, fellowship and service. A varied programme was followed during the winter. At Christmas time there was again an opportunity to interpret the loving thought of girls in England to some children in the Territory. This time the toys were taken to Castle Peak and distributed after a concert in which the Christmas spirit was evident.

In the summer when early school and the languor of hot days made it difficult to keep a group together, a very successful series of cooking classes was held. Through the club too, there have been opportunities of meeting and working with girls of other schools.

The Cabinet for the year was a group of girls much younger than usual and for them the conduct of meetings, the forethought needed in planning, the co-ordination and understanding that are necessary for successful meetings, have been valuable experience.

Eight girls attended the Summer Conference at Taing Uen.

In December the school was inspected by Mr. Y. P. Law and in June the Director of Education paid an official visit.

In the summer the school again made a collection for the work of the Chinese Home Missionary Society in the distant provinces. We are grateful to Mr. Cheung for the vivid picture which he gave us of that work.

Another visitor was Miss Shi Po passed in the Preparatory Division, Chan of Shanghai who portrayed to

LAID TO REST

FUNERAL OF LATE MR.
ABDUL

The funeral of the late Mr. Abdul Rahim Abbas, who died on Tuesday evening, took place at the Mohammedan Cemetery yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. Mulvi Mohamed Shah conducted the funeral service.

Among those present at the funeral were the three sons of the deceased, Messrs. A. H. Abbas, A. A. Abbas (brothers), A. Rahman Abbas, S. Haroon, E. Haroon, I. Haroon, A. S. Suffiad, A. R. Suffiad, S. R. Ismail, Dr. H. el Arculli, E. el Arculli, Dr. S. A. M. Sopher, S. A. Sopher, R. M. Omar, A. Bakar, A. K. Ismail, A. H. Hamet, J. Hooson, J. M. Dyer, M. Azim, R. Nazarin, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, A. H. Fattydad, U. Rumjahn, J. Ackbar, M. P. Madar, A. Rahim, M. U. Anzack, A. M. Wahab and many others.

Several members of the staff of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Committee were also present at the funeral, among them being Major C. M. Manners, Mr. C. E. Terry, and Mr. Juman Khan.

Many floral tributes were sent to the graveside.

us some of the Labour conditions in the great mills.

The Old Girls' Society

The Old Girls' Society held two meetings during the year. The winter meeting, of a social nature, was held in school, there being a very good attendance. We were specially delighted to see that not only those who had recently left were present, but that the gathering was representative of many years.

The summer meeting suffered from being in the hottest week of July, and comparatively few were able to avail themselves of the hospitality of Mrs. Mool at whose home the business meeting was held. Despite the heat, the visit to Messrs. Watson's aerated water factory and the bathing picnic which followed were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

It is indeed a pleasure at these meetings to renew old friendships and to catch glimpses of the contribution these girls are making to their generation.

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JAPAN TO PRESS DISARMAMENT BRITAIN HOPEFUL OF NAVAL ACCORD

London CONVERSATIONS NOT QUITE ABORTIVE

Tokyo, Dec. 20. Japan's decision to abrogate the Washington Treaty has called forth comment from all over the world, and Mr. K. Hirota, the Foreign Minister, to-day reiterated Japan's policy in the matter of naval armaments.

Battleships and aircraft carriers must be totally abolished for the sake of world peace, he said.

Japan is a rising nation, endowed with a lofty pride, and in advocating such an idealistic policy she must be ready to make considerable sacrifices for its realisation. She is also prepared to be party to a treaty which safeguards peace.

"However, if the powers fail to recognise Japan's fair and just attitude, and if they insist upon having their own way, Japan will refuse to make concessions and resist them," declared the Foreign Minister.

LONDON OPINION

London, Dec. 19. Naval commentators express regret that the naval talks have not produced more tangible results, but recognise that they have prepared the ground for the future negotiation of an agreement.

They point out that the Washington Treaty is operative for another two years and there is therefore ample time to find a substitute which will preclude a race in armaments.

The Times believes the diplomacy of the British delegates has been vindicated. Their position as mediators demanded a considerable measure of trust from Japanese and Americans and it cannot too often or too emphatically be repeated that rumours of a private compact between Britain and Japan are mischievous and false.

CLEAR DUTY

Tokyo by denouncing the Washington Treaty has assumed the heavy responsibility of ending the system which conferred so many benefits upon its adherents. But since Tokyo is persuaded that the abrogation of the treaty is only a method of clearing the way for a new agreement, there can be but one purpose for all parties: namely, to make the new treaty as good as the old.

The Daily Telegraph on the question of prestige, says that nothing should be left undone to satisfy the Japanese susceptibilities, for an offended or antagonised Japan puts out of the question all hope of settling the vast problems in the Far East. The deadlock is not dangerous at present, but it may easily become so.

If efforts at solution continue to be barren, Britain and the Dominions must think out the hardest problem of Imperial policy that ever confronted British statesmen. —Reuter.

TALKS ADJOURNED

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London, Dec. 19.

British, American and Japanese delegations to the three-Power naval conversations met at the House of Commons under the chairmanship of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, at 3.45 p.m. to-day and decided upon the adjournment of the naval conversations sine die.

There was no suggestion of anything but the most cordial feeling between the delegates, and the same atmosphere of frankness which has prevailed throughout the conversations was not dispelled to-day, in spite of the Japanese denunciation of the Washington Treaty.

Delegates have not yet given up hope of a resumption of conferences in the near future which may lead to a new naval agreement. —United Press.

London, Dec. 19.

The British Government retains a firm hope that further naval (Continued on Page 7.)

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(Special to "Telegraph")

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Geneva, Dec. 19.

The Abyssinian Government has telegraphed to the League of Nations reiterating the charge that the Italians were the aggressors in the clash in Uvala district, on the Somaliland frontier.

The Abyssinian Government also charges that the Italians were the aggressors in a second encounter "with tribesmen three days later farther in the interior.

The Ethiopians take the stand that Uvala is Abyssinian territory anyway and that the Italians have no right there, having occupied the place illegally.

The telegram states that these are the two principal questions to be settled and repeats the Government's desire for arbitration of the subject, which the Italian Government has declared to be unnecessary. —Reuter Special.

BRITAIN'S FRUITLESS EXAMPLE

NO ROAD TO DISARMAMENT

MacDONALD'S WARNING

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, Dec. 19.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, writing in the December issue of *News Letter*, the organ of the National Liberal Committee, warns that war will follow if Britain, in providing for her own defences, cannot avoid competition in armaments.

"Disarmament by example has been proved, in the present state of international opinion, to be no contribution to peace," he writes.

"When the last British warship is off the seas and the last British bomber has accomplished its last flight, and Britain has exhausted every effort to disarm the world by examples, peace will be as far off as ever and Britain's contribution towards establishing it will be nil," he concluded. —United Press.

"Our Navy Will Keep Afloat"

SWANSON FEARS NO JAPAN CHALLENGE

FORTIFICATION PROGRAMME

Washington, Dec. 19.

"Our navy will still keep afloat," said Mr. Claude Swanson, Secretary of the Navy Department to-day when questioned at a press conference regarding America's naval construction programme in view of Japan's forthcoming denunciation of the Washington Treaty.

He pointed out that the treaty was actually effective for two years after its denunciation, which meant that there was no immediate danger of a naval armaments race and left a considerable time in which the Powers could lay plans for a new agreement.

"Memphis," he declared, "we shall do what is necessary for the proper defence of America, her commerce and her industries."

The decision with regard to the naval base and fortification programme, suggested after the signing of the Washington Treaty, has been reserved for the time being, he added. —Reuter Special.

INVESTIGATIONS INCOMPLETE

Strong objection to a week's further remand was voiced by Mr. M. K. Lo, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he appeared for Luiz Antonio da Rocha, who was charged together with Frederic Barretto on three counts relating to the alleged kidnapping of Luiz Jose Ribeiro, aged six years, from No. 7 Hanjin Road, Kowloon.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Rozeky appeared for the police and said he had been instructed to ask for another week's formal adjournment, and then to get a date fixed for the hearing of the case.

Mr. Lo, in raising an objection, said the police had had plenty of time in which to make their investigations.

Mr. Hamilton, before whom the case was brought, said he knew nothing about it, and granted an adjournment for 24 hours. He requested the appearance either of Mr. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, or Superintendent of Police to-morrow to give reasons for wishing a week's adjournment. He also asked that an Inspector should then give a rough opening of the case, so that he (Mr. Hamilton) might be able to judge whether the requested adjournment should be granted.

Barretto is still in police custody, while da Rocha is on \$4,000 bail.

FINE SERVICES REWarded

(Special to "Telegraph")

Berlin, Dec. 19. The achievement of the Bavarian Minister of Justice Dr. Hans Frank, in unifying the administration and execution of justice and laws through the Reich, has been recognised by Herr Hitler, who has appointed Dr. Frank a Reichsminister without portfolio. —Reuter Special.



Lieut. Col. John Ward, former Labour M.P., who commanded a battalion of the Middlesex Regiment in Hongkong during the Great War. His death occurred yesterday.

Former H.K. Officer Dies In London

LIEUT-COLONEL JOHN WARD

ADVENTURE ON TYNDAREUS

London, Dec. 19. The death occurred to-day of Lieut.-Col. John Ward, C.B., C.M.G., at the age of 63 years.

During 1918, Colonel Ward commanded a Middlesex Pioneer Battalion in Hongkong, and whilst on his way here the Battalion underwent a most exciting experience. The troops were aboard the transport Tyndareus and were making the voyage to Hongkong via South Africa.

When near Durban, the Tyndareus struck a mine and so great was the danger of her sinking that the Battalion was drawn up on deck, whilst Colonel Ward addressed the officers and men, urging them to meet death calmly and in accordance with the traditions of the British Army.

With the possibility of the ship

founding at any moment, the troops began singing war-time airs and well-known hymns.

Luckily, however, the vessel just managed to limp into port. The Battalion later came to Hongkong by another boat.

WENT TO SIBERIA

After serving in Hongkong, the Battalion formed part of the Allied forces which temporarily overthrew Bolsheviks in Eastern Siberia, and later Colonel Ward undertook a mission to bring about effective international control of the Siberian Railway in 1919.

The late Lieut.-Col. Ward had distinguished military record. He served in the Soudan and also in the Great War. He held the Khodive's Star, medal and clasp, British, French, Italian, Czechoslovakian and Russian decorations.

In 1885 he joined the Social Democratic Federation, founded the Navy's Union in 1889, and was elected member of Parliament for Stoke-on-Trent as a Labour in 1906. He held the seat until 1929. —Reuter.

SINO-FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS

Nanking, Dec. 20.

Several important points raised in connection with the much discussed draft Sino-Annamite Commercial Treaty during a meeting between M. Wilden, French Minister to China, and the Chinese diplomatic authorities, have not been satisfactorily settled. It is likely that further discussion will be held in the near future in order to bring the protracted negotiations to completion. —Central News.

DIPLOMAT PASSES

(Special to "Telegraph")

Tokyo, Dec. 20. Mr. Masano Hanbara, former Ambassador to the United States, and one of the chief delegates to the Washington naval conference in 1922, died here to-day. —United Press.

Doctors Join British Trade Union Body

SAFEGUARDING INTERESTS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, Dec. 19.

The Medical Practitioners' Union, with a membership of nearly 6,000 general practitioners and consultants and consultants to the Trade Union Congress.

The reason for the affiliation is that it will tend to safeguard the interests of many members of the union engaged in public and municipal services.

It is not believed that the Union will be called upon to join other affiliated unions in the event of the T.U.C. calling a general strike.

The National Union of County Officers' application for affiliation was also accepted. —Reuter Special.

Guards Kill One When Mob Charges

FIRE TO PREVENT LYNCHING

COURTHOUSE AND GAOL RAIDED

Selbyville, Dec. 19.

Three men are believed to have been killed to-day when National Guardsmen fired on a Tennessee mob which was attempting to seize and lynch a negro charged with attacking a white girl.

The mob tried to storm the gaol here but was repulsed by tear gas. It reassembled later in the day and tried to rush the courthouse where the negro was on trial.

National Guardsmen who were on duty outside the courthouse retreated within and fired from the windows. Three men in the mob are reported to have been killed, and several others wounded, including the brother of the negro's alleged victim.

Reinforcements of cavalry were rushed to the scene, and 65 horsemen joined with the 110 guards on duty in an attack which finally cleared the streets.

Meanwhile, the negro was rushed away in a motor car in charge of a deputy sheriff, the prisoner disguised in a National Guardsman's uniform. —Reuter.

It is now announced that only one man was killed when guards fired with machine guns on a mob which attempted to lynch a negro charged with having attacked a white girl here. —United Press.

POLAND'S FIRST OCEAN LINER

(Special to "Telegraph")

Trieste, Dec. 19.

Built for Poland, the first liner ever to sail under Poland's flag, the steamship Marshal Pilsudski was launched here to-day.

She is a 15,000 ton vessel with a speed of 20 knots and is named for the famous Dictator of the country who is responsible for the unification of the nation and the post-war progressiveness. —Reuter Special.

VISITING CHIANG

Nanking, Dec. 20.

En route to Fonghua to visit Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Ou Fong-pu, is leaving for Shanghai tomorrow afternoon. —Reuter.

VULNERABILITY OF AMERICA

PANAMA CANAL NOT WELL GUARDED

PUBLISHER SAYS JAPAN AGENTS AT WORK

(By Telegraph. Copyright Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1884. Received, Dec. 20, 8 a.m.)

Washington, Dec. 19.

Twenty men, willing to risk their lives for their country, would be able to blast the Panama Canal to pieces in twelve hours and block the channel to such an extent that it would be impossible for months on end, declared Mr. Nelson R

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ENGLAND MOURNS

NOTED FIGURES PASS AWAY

MEN IN EYE OF PUBLIC

The deaths were announced last month of five famous people named—

Mr. Charles Sergeant Jagger, A.R.A., one of Britain's most noted sculptors;

Mr. Dion Titheradge, the playwright, producer, and actor;

Mrs. Alice Pleasance Hargreaves, the original Alice of "Alice in Wonderland";

Mr. John Alexander Brodie, formerly city engineer of Liverpool who claimed to have invented the goal net used in Association football;

And Sir Robert McAlpine, 13 days after the death of his father.

Though Mr. Jagger's death came suddenly, it seemed to friends that he had been waging—and had won—a great race against time to complete a giant statue of the King. Mr. Jagger who was particularly notable as the creator of the Artillery Memorial at Hyde Park Corner—a magnificent work which laid the foundations of his fame—was only 49. He was found dead in bed by his wife at their home in Albert Bridge Road, Battersea S.W., having presumably passed away in his sleep. His death was apparently due to a heart attack brought on by a common cold, which undermined his health at a time when he was suffering a great strain through worry and overwork.

"It may be that Mr. Jagger felt that his end was near," a friend said, "for latterly nothing could prevent him from working for many hours at a time on the 60 ft. statue of King George, which he has created for New Delhi. It seemed as though he was working against time. Artistically and from a creative point of view, the statue is complete. So Mr. Jagger won his battle against ill-health."

Several circumstances combined to add a poignant note to Mr. Jagger's death. Besides his widow, he leaves two little girls aged six and four.

IN PRIME OF LIFE

The death of Mr. Dion Titheradge, the playwright, producer, film scenarist, and actor, occurred at a London Nursing Home, following an internal operation, at the age of 46. He was the brother of Miss Madge Titheradge one of the principals in "Theatre Royal" the new comedy at the Lyric Theatre. Mr. Titheradge had not been in good health for some time.

Mr. John Alexander Brodie, formerly joint engineer of the £8,000,000 Mersey Tunnel, and a man who completely altered the face of Liverpool, during his 27 years as a city engineer, died at his home Algburth Hall Algburth, aged 76. One of Mr. Brodie's claims was that he invented the goal net used in Association football.

Mrs. Alice Pleasance Hargreaves—the original Alice of "Alice in Wonderland" died at her home at Westerham, Kent. She was 82, and had been seriously ill for some weeks. Mrs. Hargreaves was a daughter of the late Dr. Liddell, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and when she was 20 she and her two sisters often went boating with their father's friend the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, a mathematical tutor at Christchurch. The original manuscript of "Alice's Adventures Underland" as the book was first called, was written in plain script and illustrated by the author with 87 pen and ink sketches which were later used by Tenniel.

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HINTS FOR VISITORS TO AN INVALID

If you are going to see a friend who is ill, take pains over your appearance, and wear your prettiest frock and hat. Be your normal charming self. Don't try to be unnaturally cheerful; on the other hand, don't be gloomy and full of foreboding. Take some flowers with you, or fruit if it is allowed, or a magazine or little gift. Leave something pleasant behind for your friend to enjoy, even if it is only a memory of your smile. Don't enter the room on tiptoe and speak in lowered voice. Don't criticise the arrangements of the sick-room unless you have something practical to suggest, or make reflections against her doctor or nurse. Don't recommend her a quack medicine that may clash with her doctor's prescription. Don't recall all the stories you know of people who had that particular illness and were never well again. Don't shout, laugh loudly, or sit on the bed. Take a chair near the bed where the invalid can see you. Don't overdo your sympathy and encourage the invalid to self-pity, but do show that you are genuinely sorry for her. Don't stay too long. Do watch for the first signs of fatigue, and go quickly when you see it.

as the basis for his famous woodcuts. The 92 page book was many years afterwards to realise the record price of £16,400 when it was put up for sale at Sotheby's. At the time when he gave the work to Alice Liddell, Mr. Dodgson had no thought of publication but he was later persuaded to submit it to Messrs. Macmillan, who published it in 1866.

Death duties will have to be paid twice on the estate of the first Sir Robert McAlpine as the result of the sudden death of his son, Robert, the second baronet, 13 days after the death of his father. He had left Southampton in the Warwick Castle for a trip to South Africa, and in mid-chaos, while dressing for dinner, he had an apoplectic seizure, died, and was buried at sea. He was 66.

The health of the new baronet, Sir Alfred Robert McAlpine, who is 27, has been affected by the shock, first of his grandfather's death, and then that of his father, and he is lying ill at the home of his family at Lingfield, Surrey.

The death duty now payable will be 50 per cent.

FRANCE'S DIVORCES INCREASE

ONLY FELL OFF DURING WAR

INTERESTING FIGURES

Paris, Dec. 10. Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the French Divorce Law, statistics were published here showing that in the last half-century 722,886 divorces were granted in France.

These figures, compiled from the records of the Ministry of Justice reveal that:

1. The first five years are the hardest for a married couple;
2. Wives apply for divorce more than husbands;
3. Adultery ranks second to cruelty as the most frequent cause of divorce;
4. Paris is no longer a divorce mill for Americans and English; and
5. Divorce has been steadily growing in popularity in France since its inception fifty years ago, with the single exception of the World War period.

The French divorce law was promulgated officially in July, 1884, but did not become effective until September of that year. In the few months that remained, however, there were 1,667 divorces granted.

In 1885, the number increased to 4,123; in 1887, to 5,797 until in 1912 the total reached 16,723. But during the World War divorces fell off and in 1915 there were only 1,962.

But in 1919 the progression was immediately resumed and the number of divorces for that year jumped to 19,466. Since then the increase has been constant and in 1931, the last year for which statistics have been officially compiled, the total attained 28,606.

A survey of the figures for the last fifty years also reveals that there were always more divorces in the metropolitan area of Paris than in the remainder of the country. None of the foregoing figures include divorces in the colonies which it is stated, have been very few in number although they are beginning to show a serious increase.—United Press.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

BROKEN LAWS OF CHINA

Speaking at Bolton under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society The Rev. J. W. Duddington of West China gave an account of school where he is the chaplain and a teacher. "The Government says to us," he said, "that we must not teach Christianity in our school—but nobody keeps laws in China anyway."

There were 400 to 500 children in that school hearing the Gospel every day. "We didn't get that in our schools in England. But in the same city there were four Government schools where anti-Christian and anti-foreign propaganda was taught."

Missionary work, he said, was not just a matter of going out to teach—that was not enough. The Chinese Church did not need Britons with imperialism dominant in their nature, but with the spirit of Jesus Christ.

"I am among you as he that serveth," should be their text.

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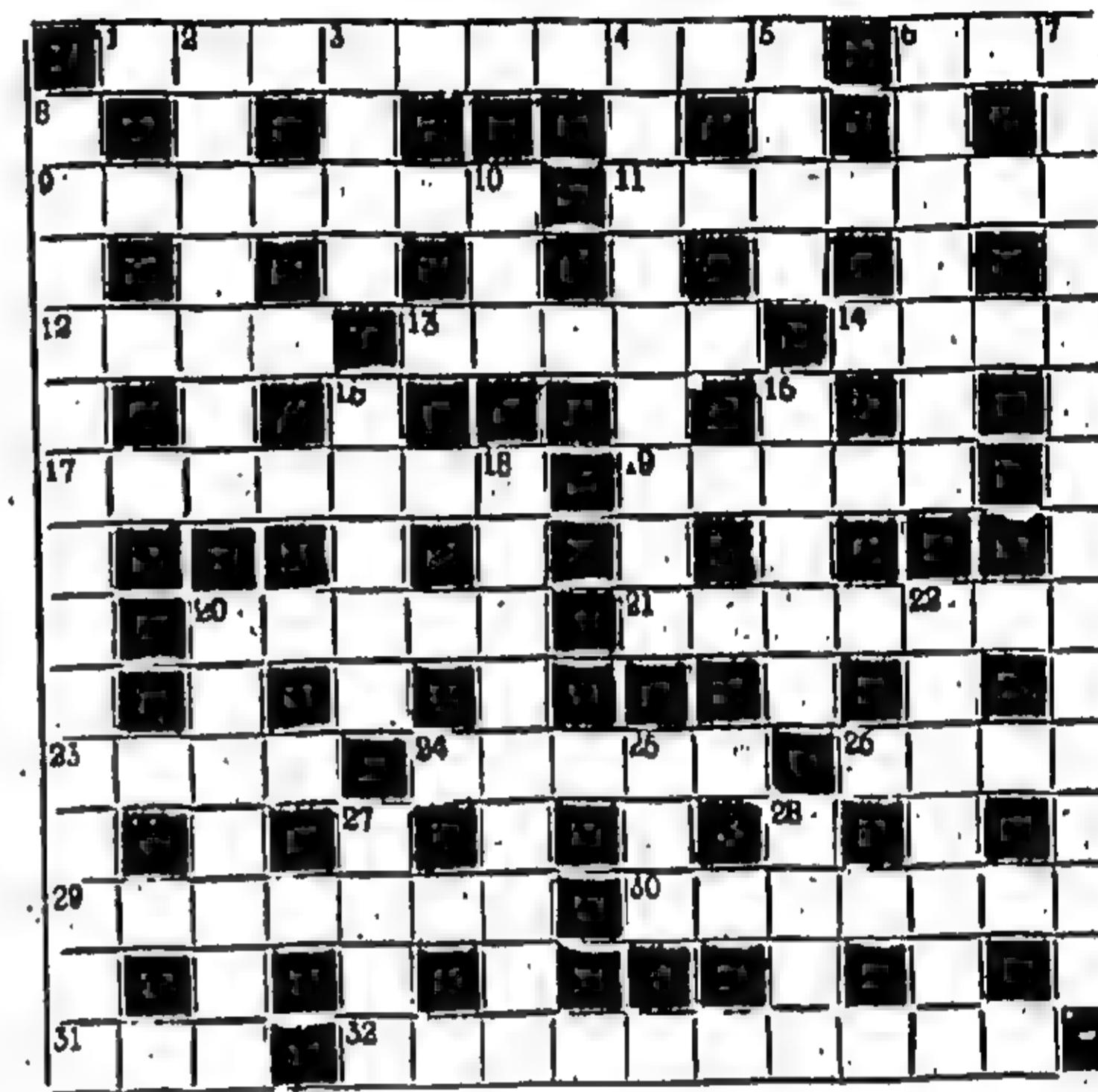
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WORLD NEGLECTS PRECIOUS GIFT

There is not enough laughter in the world to-day. Mirth and gaiety are becoming scarcer everywhere, and in some countries have gone out of fashion altogether. There is still, unfortunately, a plentiful supply of mean sneering and bitter humour, but there is a dearth of whole-hearted, rousing, roaring, contagious laughter.

This is a very disturbing state of affairs. Although there is no law against merriment, the feeling of society seems to be strongly against it. Life is too serious. Politics is too bitter and industry too hard pressed. Yet surely it is in such difficult times that laughter is needed most. It helps to restore our balance of mind. We all agree that good humour and a sense of gaiety are necessary ingredients of the complete man. Yet we find ourselves concealing our chuckles behind a cough, and blushing with embarrassment when discovered indulging in free, spontaneous laughter.

The need for laughter was never greater than it is to-day. The world is threatened by ambitious persons and policies that will certainly do us harm unless they are laughed out of existence. Argument or abuse is of little value, for charlatans and their parties thrive on such. Logic and debate may be worthy weapons in social and political criticism, but ridicule is far more powerful. Rogues and their rogueries write



Claire Trevor, the charming New York actress who is well known, too, in Hollywood, is planning to return to the stage "for good".

J. M. S.

and wither in its blast. They cannot stand against it. For laughter is unanswerable.

And laughter is often as reliable as logic. It is an instinctive reaction to all that is theatrical and extravagant. Free, hearty laughter ought to burst from us all, automatically, at a spectacle or proposal which is offensive to the dignity and decency of human life.

SNOBBISH HUMOUR

The pity is, of course, that people so often choose the wrong things at which to laugh. They are not entirely to blame. They are persuaded into the belief that certain ideas must always be treated with respect, while certain others should always be received with laughter.

There are many who read the Press reports of political speeches with grave seriousness, and melt into uncontrolled merriment at the tragic daily spectacle of the newspaper comic strip. Yet what sensitive mind can contemplate without a shudder these plaintive efforts at synthetic humour? And what man of sense can read or listen to the promises and invasions of the professional politician without the desire to punctuate the rhetoric with peals of hearty

SUCCEEDS TO PEERAGE BY-ELECTION MADE NECESSARY

Lord Brocket, formerly Sir Charles Nall-Cain, died suddenly at Brocket Hall, Welwyn, Herts, in November at the age of 68 years. He is succeeded in the peerage by Mr. Ronald Nall-Cain, Conservative M.P. for the Wavertree Division of Liverpool, where there will be a by-election. The figures at the last three elections were:

1929	
J.A. Tinne (C)	16,880
S.L. Trelavon (Lab.)	13,686
H.R. Rathbone (Lib.)	11,723
Conservative majority	3,295
June 1931:	
A.R.N. Nall-Cain (C)	18,687
S.L. Trelavon (Lab.)	10,042
Conservative majority	8,645
General Election 1931	
A.R.N. Nall-Cain (C)	33,476
S.G. Clark (Lab.)	9,603
Conservative majority	23,973



At Lubeck a novelty for divers has recently been demonstrated. It consists of a rubber-sack containing sufficient air to enable a diver to stay 30 minutes below the surface of the water. The problem is to get up in time.

CHINA EGG EXPORTS

CRITICS IN BRITAIN

REFORM URGED

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Dec. 1.

There have, I understand, been still further discussions between the principal importers of Chinese eggs and the Board of Trade representatives, who are anxious to fix the quotas for the suggested reduction of 10 per cent. in the import of eggs in shell from abroad during the first three months of next year.

It may be that, when seen through the misty distance that fills most minds, the sordidness and tragedy of life seem pure comedy. But snobbishness is the basis of this class of newspaper humour. One may laugh at charwomen and people below stairs. But to laugh at the strange behaviour of the people one meets at cocktail parties is to show shocking bad manners.

WHY LAUGH AT CHAPLIN?

The theatre offers similar evidence. A cheap West-End drawing-room melodrama will bring the audience to tears. But the crowd will always laugh at Charlie Chaplin, the most poignant and tragic personality of the present-day theatre.

The suppression of laughter is possibly the cause of this modern violence which is breaking out all over the civilised world. Politics is becoming a "racket" everywhere. Parties rely on gangster methods, crime, and assassination, for their maintenance. We have the tragic spectacle of whole nations persuaded or driven into fanaticism and enslavement. We see them marching with uprisen arms and eyes, intent on vague destinies promised by their frowning prophets. We know of the cruelties inflicted by such savage enthusiasm. And we know also that such people have forgotten how to laugh.

Indeed it is not wise to laugh too loudly in such countries, for laughter sounds dangerously like treason.

So if our desire for mirth and merriment is too firmly repressed, it may produce some horrid cancer of our souls. The impulse to express ourselves in laughter will find some distorted way of escape if it is not allowed to function freely. Let us then hold fast to our right to laugh, for if that is lost we shall have lost our liberty.

AWAITING DECISION

We are now awaiting the decision of the Board of Trade, though I imagine the Minister of Agriculture has still more to do with it. Meantime, vitriolic attacks continue in Chinese liquid eggs. The same writer who recently published an onslaught in "Eggs" has now published one in "The Feathered World". The



Admiral Gango Hyakutake, recently appointed to Shanghai, his Chief of Staff, Commander E. Kondo, aboard the flagship Iwami.

MINISTERS PROXY

N.F.U. Record has a reference to Chinese liquid eggs in the report of its November Council Meeting as follows:

"The problem of imports of egg products and particularly those of liquid eggs from China was once again very fully discussed. The resolutions received are quite in accord with the feelings of members, but they had the one drawback that it is quite hopeless in present circumstances to put them forward with any prospect of success. There were several less drastic proposals than total prohibition before the Committee, but in view of the representations made already to official quarters and the obvious bearing the Report of the Re-Organisation Commission will have on this matter, it was agreed that any further definite proposals must await the publication of that Report. The Committee is fully alive to the importance of the effect of these imports, but has to recognise the

enormous difficulty of putting forward a case for adequate control with any hope of success until a long-range policy in respect of egg supplies generally is in sight. Meantime enquiries are being made respecting aspects of the trade on which authentic information is desirable."



Chief among the St. Andrew's Day celebrations in Shanghai was the Two Handicap Races for the Jardine Challenge Cup, won by G. C. C. Harper on Movement. Above is shown the finish of the race and a section of the unusually large crowd which attended. The trophies were presented by Mrs. James Macbeth, wife of the President of the St. Andrew's Society.



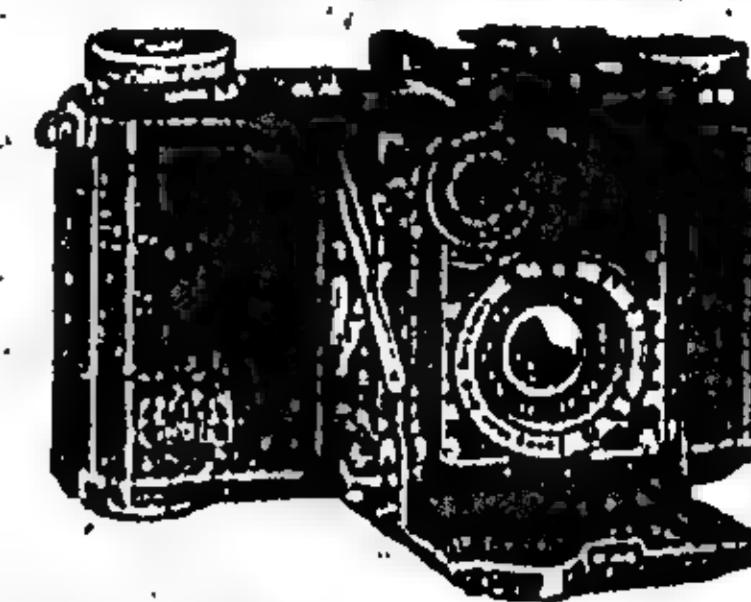
Miss Rita Cohen and Mr. Cyril Wood, with members of their bridal party, photographed outside the British Consulate in Shanghai after their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Widdowson, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, are included in the group, as also is Mr. F. J. Willis, the best man.

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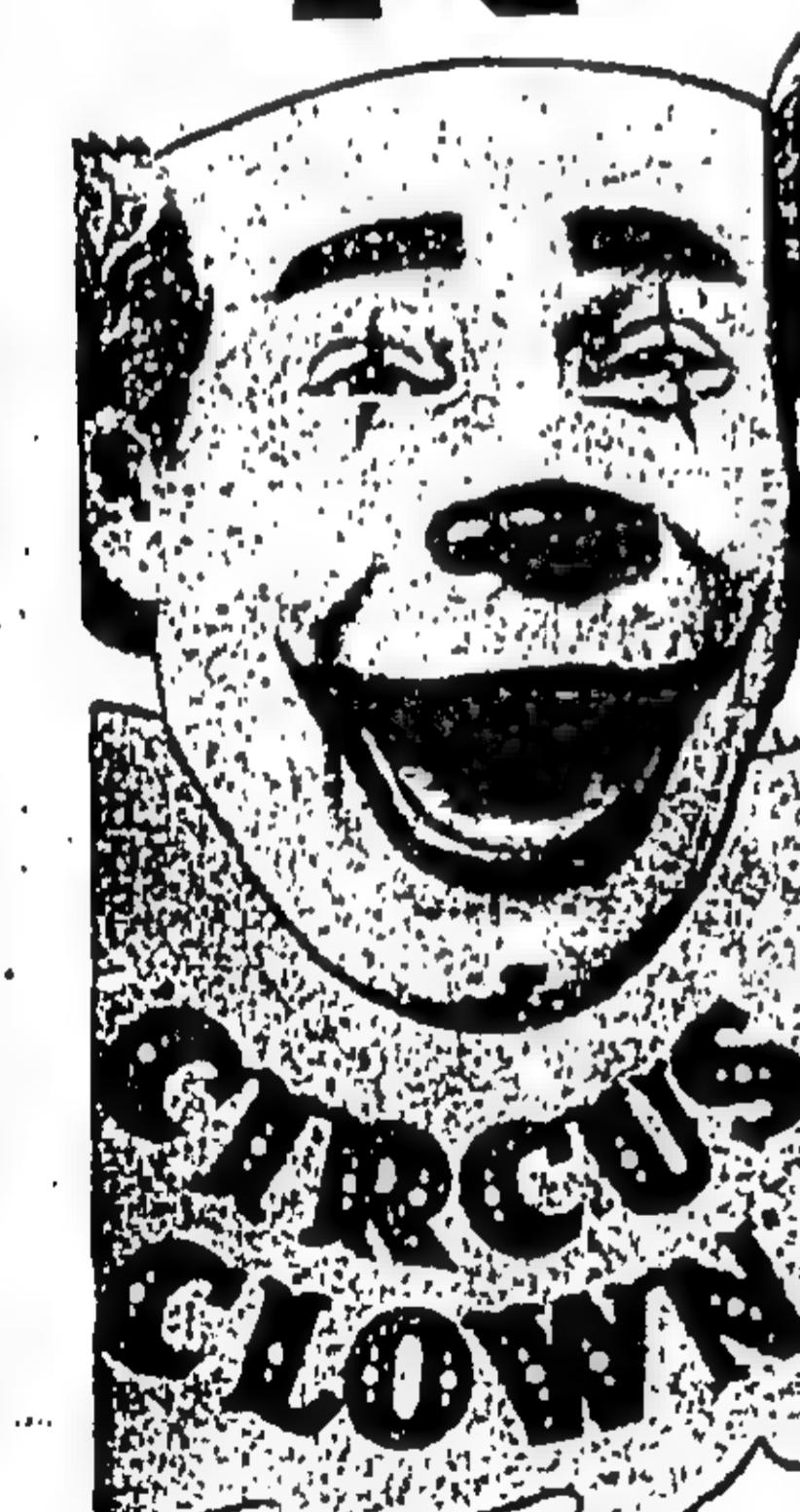
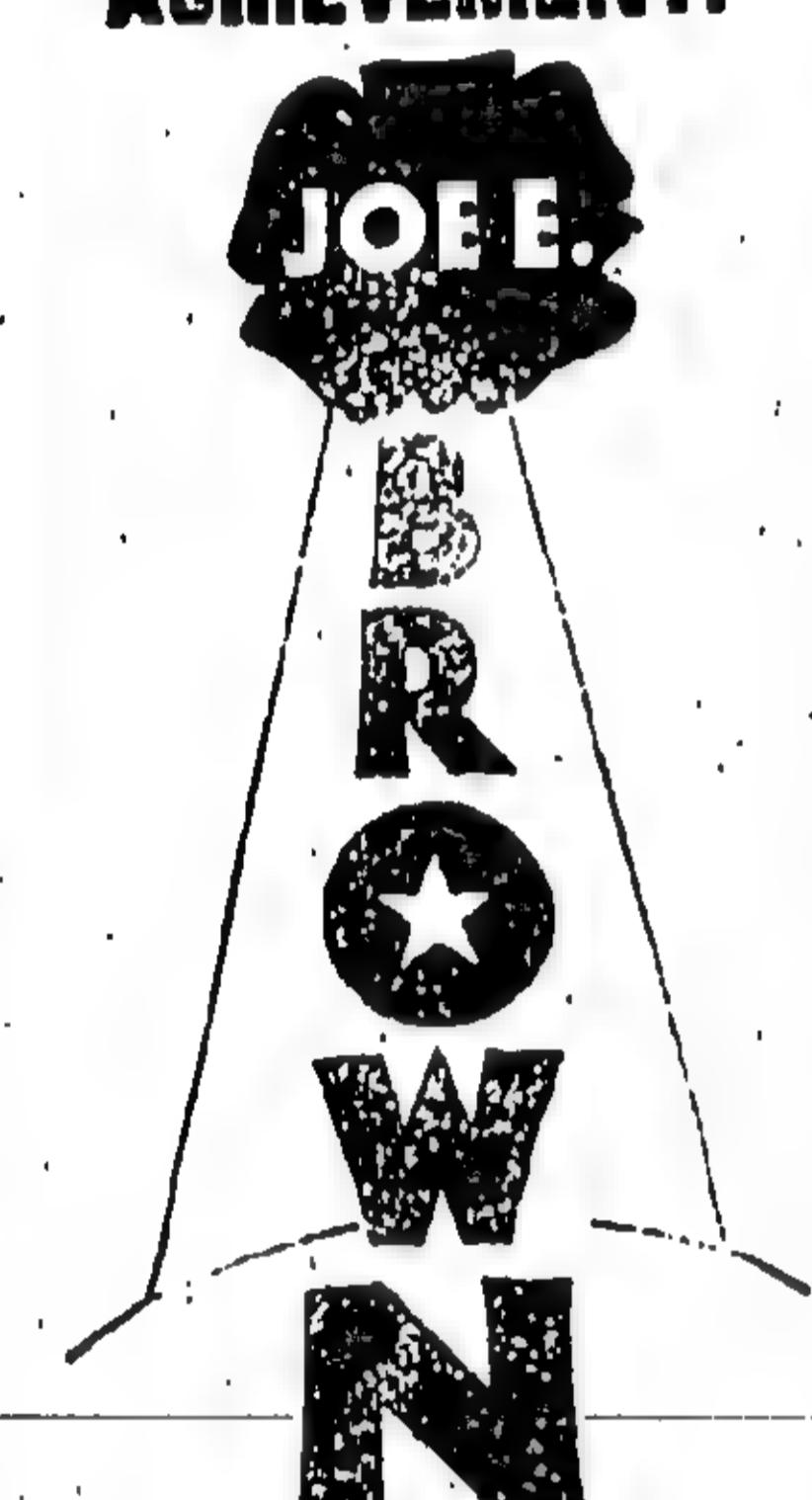
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The following reports on the New York stock market have been received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz: The *Wall Street Journal* reports on yesterday's market—Stocks were moderately active and downward, under leadership of utilities selling due to the Administration's projected municipal power plant, including a possible government loan, as well as the Administration's indication of continuing to drive down lower gas and electricity rates. Communications were downward, especially American Telephone and Telegraph on fears that the Federal Communications Commission will eventually lower the rates. Steel were lower on the belief that operations will decline shortly. Other issues were weak due to profit-taking. Bonds were erratic with the exception of strength in United States Government bonds. Stocks on the Club Exchange were lower. Wheat was downward due to heavy receipts announced by the Board of Trade and the closing of the market at noon on Monday.

S. C. & F. New York office cable: The stock market was easier and quieter, under pressure of selling in utilities and rails. Bond quotations were depressing, utility news. Presidential Roosevelt has rejected the friendly offer of a Court test of the Tennessee Valley Authority and threw in his support of New York City's pressure for lower power rates threatening a National investigation into the cost of private power to Federal agencies. A fresh scare arose out of Federal financing of municipal power in competition with Consolidated Gas. President Roosevelt and Mr. H. Guarino are conferring on the subject today. Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad has earned \$3.36 per share for the 11 months ended November 30, against \$3.40 per share for the corresponding period of last year. Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit has earned \$2.12 per share for the 11 months ended November 30, against \$2.69 per share for the corresponding period of last year. Trade survey reports that shipbuilding starts rates in 70 cities were 10% above rates of a year ago. Kelly Springfield is in receivership. The Department of Agriculture reports that the cash value of field crops were \$668,000,000 above last year. General Electric reports its business volume at 30%, above a year ago, with improved prospects for next year. Electric output was up 7% for the week ended December 15. Public Service of New Jersey's earnings for November totalled \$2,250,000, against \$2,475,000 for November last year. Life Insurance Association reports the volume of new business an almost 10% above last year. November newspaper advertising in the country was 7% above a year ago. Business done: \$80,000. New York and Chicago commodity reports received through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

Cotton: An improvement in foreign domestic demand is expected in January. The competition of foreign growth is diminishing, although this is not yet reflected in exports. January liquidation was apparent. The market was quiet and steady.

Grains: Wheat: The market reflects our previous advices. Domestic supply appears to be ample. No material advance from the present levels is probable pending the winter crop forecast. In corn, there was a light shipping demand. The cash situation is easier. Bearish sentiment is apparently predominant at the moment.

Rubbers: The market was steady in routine business. Rubber was heavy, end of the year shipments being fairly abundant. Otherwise the market was featureless.

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EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 18.	Dec. 19.
Paris	74.29/32	74.27/32
Geneva	15.26/21	15.24
Berlin	12.20/2	12.20
Helsingfors	22.06	22.06
Oslo	—	—
Athens	517	517
Milan	57.27/32	57%
Buenos Aires	—	—
Shanghai	11/4	11/4
New York	4.94/4	4.94/4
Amsterdam	7.30/3	7.30/3
Vienna	26%	26%
Prague	118%	118%
Bucharest	490	492
Madrid	36%	36%
Hongkong	11/8	11/8
Brussels	21.12	21.10
Stockholm	—	—
Copenhagen	—	—
Lisbon	—	—
Bombay	1/6.1/16	1/6.1/16
Yokohama	1/2.1/64	1/2.1/64
Rio	4%	4%
Montevideo	30%	30%
Belgrade	217	218
Montreal	4.89/4	4.89/4
Silver (Spot)	23.16/16	24.17/16
Silver (Forward)	24.16/16	24.31/16
War Loan	107.11/16	107%
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	Dec. 18.	Dec. 19.
Industrials	111.00	99.78
20 Rail	20.49	20.81
20 Utilities	18.11	17.61
20 Roads	95.32	95.35
11 Commodity	60.89	60.52
17 Leading Stocks	—	—

	Dec. 19.
Amer. Can.	107
Amer. Sheet	20%
Am. T. & T.	103%
Auburn	25
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YESTERDAY'S
HOCKEY

Club Beat Medway
With Ten Men

Playing with ten men, H. Owen Hughes being the absentee, the Hongkong Hockey Club seniors defeated a team from H.M.S. Medway by two goals to one on the Club ground at King's Park yesterday afternoon, in a friendly hockey match. The Club led by two goals to nil at the interval.

In the first half, the Club obtained their first goal through G. E. R. Divett who took the ball down on his own and dribbled past the Medway goalkeeper. Divett was also responsible for the second goal.

The Medway forwards settled down to better combination in the second half. Their centre-forward sent in a hard shot which Q. L. Gregory saved well. Shortly after this a concerted attack resulted in Sub-Lieut. Knox finding the net for the Naval team, following a miskick on the part of the Club custodian.

For the Club, J. Rodger, J. L. Setley and J. E. Potter played well in the defence, while Knox, Lieut. Holland-Martin and Lt.-Cdr. J. A. Corrie Hill were the pick of the Medway team.

MAMAK MATCH

In a Mamak Tournament match played on the Marina ground yesterday afternoon, the Royal Corps of Signals defeated the 12th. Battery, Royal Artillery, by two goals to nil. Both goals were obtained in the second half.

YACHTING

Commodore Elliott Wins
"A" Class Race

Yesterday the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held the fifth of their series of Wednesday races. Commodore Elliott won the race for "A" class yachts, when he passed Jon over the course of 6.4 miles. Heron, with Captain Ingle at the tiller, captured the race for "I," "Y" and "C" class vessels.

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DISFIGURING THE
HILLSIDE

The disfigurement of the hillside just below Wan Chai Gap by a conglomeration of matsheds and other structures was the subject of a series of questions at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board. This is a subject to which we have on several occasions alluded during the past two or three years. In the hope that measures would be taken to clean up the area affected. Instead of any improvement being affected, however, there has latterly been a big increase in the number of temporary buildings. In all, there are at present twelve structures within this area, accommodating between eighty and ninety workmen, for whom the sanitary facilities are necessarily somewhat crude; they are situated unpleasantly close to European residences either built or in process of construction. These buildings are said, by the President, of the Sanitary Board, to serve a useful purpose, although he would not go so far as to say that they are absolutely necessary. They are used, in the main, in connection with a road-widening scheme and the construction of private residences. For this reason, it is stated, their replacement by more permanent ones would be uneconomical. This argument, however, does not apply to a group of five structures comprising a matshed, two kitchens, a wood store and a latrine. These, presumably, are Public Works Department buildings, and, unless we are confusing them with another block, have been in existence for some years. At any rate, for longer than we care to remember, this area has been sadly disfigured by buildings of this type, and it is to be hoped that, once the work which has called the greater number of them into being is concluded, some effort will be made to restore the locality to its original appearance. Road gang matsheds, according to the President of the Sanitary Board, are being gradually replaced by more permanent structures. There has, however, been no sign of such a development in the region referred to. From the fact that a number of sheds have been accommodated at this spot for some years, in no way connected with the nearby road-widening project or the erection

NOTES OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Mother knows best about most things, but not necessarily about the books her children should read. This blunt statement is made in the current issue of *The Parents' Magazine*. Its author, Josette Frank, makes it as a result of long experience in the Child Study Association; and this experience leads her to lay down a very simple common sense rule about books for children. No book, she says, is a good book for a child if it fails to interest him. Conversely, if it does interest him it very likely is a good book—for him; although the child next door might not like it at all. One of our little failings is our easy-going habit of assuming that all children are pretty much alike in their tastes. We do not make that mistake with adults; we are ready enough to admit that one man may like the works of S. S. Van Dine while his neighbour prefers Dickens. But we take it for granted that all children will like the same "thing." Furthermore, we jump to the conclusion that they will like the books we ourselves liked as children. We were enthralled, for instance, by the Henry books; therefore the younger will eat them up, and if he does not, there must be something wrong with him.

MATTER OF TASTE

Many a father has actually been horrified to discover that such a book as "Kim" bored his son to distraction, while "Ivanhoe"—which the father himself never could endure—is swallowed whole with great avidity. As a matter of fact, the parent's responsibility in regard to the books his children read is a good deal less than we sometimes suppose. About all the father or mother can do is to see to it that good books are available to the youngsters. There are many mansions in the realm of literature; provide the children with the key, turn them loose—and let them settle where they choose. Children are great ones to recognise shams and to detect the second-rate. Ordinarily, a child will instinctively prefer a good book to a poor one.

APPLE ANNIE

One of the least lovely traits we possess is our fondness for making a sentimental fuss over the colling of people who never got a decent break from us while they were alive, writes Bruce Catton, columnist. "That peculiar community symbolised by the word "Broadway" went in for a regular orgy of that sort of thing the other day when an old woman known as "Apple Annie" was laid to rest. Apple Annie was a poor old woman who for years supported herself by peddling apples and chewing gum on Times Square. It was not such a good way of making a living, as you can imagine; the thought of a woman of 70 keeping on the pavement in all kinds of weather to make enough for her support is not a pleasant one. But Apple Annie stuck to it, and she enjoyed a moment of fame, a year ago. Someone wrote a story about her; the story was transformed into a movie—and a press agent came along and used Apple Annie to "ballyhoo" the picture. She was turned into a lady for a day; they put her up at a fine hotel, trotted her around Broadway in a big car, dressed her up in fine clothing, gave her a real meal—and then, after it was all over, let her go back to apple-peddling. As a matter of fact, people completely forgot about her. Like other businesses, the selling of apples suffered a diminishing profit margin. Besides, Apple Annie was pretty well on her last legs. Presently she vanished, and nobody knew what had happened. Then, a few days ago, Apple Annie turned up—in the morgue. She had died during the night, she and the enfeebled old husband whom her earnings as a peddler had helped keep alive. She lay in the morgue a week before anyone recognised her. But once she was identified, Broadway turned out to give her a fine funeral. Stars from the stage and the night clubs gathered by her coffin. Expensive bouquets and wreaths were sent. Broadway, as they say, showed that it "had a heart." So Apple Annie had two big days; one when press agent used her to ballyhoo a movie, and one when she was buried. If people had a decent amount of genuine human sympathy, wouldn't they have spread all that fuss out a little bit more, so that the poor old lady could have got a little good out of it?

of new residences, it is to be presumed that they serve a necessary service. If so, they should certainly be replaced by a better type of structure. Now that the matter has been brought to the notice of the authorities, we should like to see the issue followed up further, with a view to obtaining an assurance that the area will soon be rendered less unsightly than it is at present.

PARENTS MUST FIGHT
FOR CHILDREN

By MARGARET LANE

INTEREST in the sensational Vanderbilt case, which, after a hearing lasting seven weeks, has been concluded, now centres on the future of 10-year-old Gloria Vanderbilt, the most moving figure in one of the most remarkable lawsuits of this century. A peculiar future has been prepared by her relations for little Gloria Vanderbilt. She has no idea of it yet—riding her pony, over her aunt's Long Island estate, childishly unimpressed by the legal solemnities and bitter emotional storms that have been going on around her; but as she grows older she will find the name of Gloria Vanderbilt carrying a heavy load of associations. She will go through life as the central figure of the world's most celebrated case for the custody of a child.

She cannot remember her father. He died a little more than nine years ago, never dreaming he was leaving his little million-dollar daughter to be fought over by his wife, his mother-in-law, and his own sister. If he were alive today Gloria might have had a chance of growing up as an ordinary little rich girl—in privacy and the pleasant surroundings of her own unquestioned home. The judge, perhaps out of compassion for the 10-year-old child, whose mother he had heard calumniated in court by her own servants, made the proceedings private. The effect of that compassion was to whet the world's appetite for scandal in high places, and set whispering a thousand rumours.

Whether Gloria will come happily out of the battle in the end, or whether her life is spoiled already, not even her mother or her aunt will know for perhaps another twenty years. It is an unhappy fact that children can be the cause and centre of the bitterest legal struggles that ever go through the courts. The child, of course, has no say in the matter, any more than a piece of property valuable enough to quarrel about. He may be valuable because he is rich, or heir to a title, or because both his parents love him. Sometimes he or she may be valuable as a weapon for embittered people to use against each other. In any case, the child gets little out of it but a whispered story that will stay faithful to it for ever. Most famous of all litigations over a child—excepting only this far-reaching Vanderbilt struggle—is the Russell case of twelve years ago, which lasted two years and cost £10,000. Little Geoffrey Russell, the 9-months-old baby for whose sake his mother, the Hon. Mrs. Christabel Russell, fought her husband's divorce action up to the House of Lords, was brought into court in a bundle of white woolen shawls and examined by judge and jury. By the time the case was over and his mother had won her appeal against the decree nisi he was a handsome little boy running about and already able to talk.

The struggles of estranged parents for possession of their

children are fought out almost daily in the courts, though most of them are between people too humble to attract attention. The passionate determination of both parents to keep the child provokes such bitterness and hostility that the situation often trembles on the edge of tragedy. Early this year a young chauffeur committed suicide when the custody of his baby son was given to his wife, who had obtained a separation order against him. Kidnapping is by no means unheard of; several years ago, a divorced father kidnapped his 8-year-old daughter and hid with her until he was run to earth by detectives in Antwerp and the child returned to the custody of her mother. The objection the Home Office put forward to the passing in 1925 of the long-delayed Bill giving mother equal claims with the father to the possession of her children was that it might in extreme cases be "conducive to murder." It is difficult to believe, now, that only nine years ago a mother was not legally the parent of her child. Before 1925, even a mother with a baby at her breast could not, in law, call the child her own, or dispute its custody or control with the father. The Guardianship of Infants Act, which gave wives equal rights with their husbands, ended an absurd injustice and laid the foundations of countless legal disputes. Armed with the new power women showed themselves far readier than men to go to law for possession of a child.

Any child is unfortunate who finds itself the bone of contention between parents or relatives. The child is doubly unhappy whose wealth or position makes that contention a matter of world-wide curiosity, and the sins of whose parents are visited on it in gossip and malice at least for its own generation. The law, seen through the eyes of a child growing up by its decisions, must seem a cruel and forbidding institution, dividing families and friends, taking the child sometimes from the parent he loves and delivering him over to the other, or through the unfamiliar doors of some institution.

The whole legal business of fighting for a child is unpleasant and cruel, but actually the law is the only kind thing in a very unkind tangle of human passions—human love, jealousy, greed, malice, whatever makes two or more people fight passionately for the possession of an unconcerned child. If those passions were free to fight it out without the cool intervention of the law, the potentially rich, titled, or loved child of estranged parents or guardians would have about as much chance of happy survival as a rabbit in a cage of pumas. Gloria Vanderbilt may never lose a feeling of fear at the mention of the law, but eventually she may discover that in the whole unhappy business the intervening judge was her best and most disinterested friend.

The Very Idea!

DUMB-BELLES LETTERS

By Juliet Lowell

KITCHEN CATTLE

Auburn, Dec. 12.

Swift & Co.
Freind Srl
Wood you be kind enoufe to send won of them calendar. We always get won of you. They are got up so good (Hogs sheope cows & Miles & Horses & Chickens) I think they are fine calendar. We have had won every year in our store then I bring to home the top part and hange in my kitchen.

If you have got 2 to spare I would like won.

In my kitchin the Cow & soforth Look so nice I like dumb beast dearly.

- Mr. Monroe A

(signed)



I bring to home the top part and hange in my kitchin.

Style is everything
St. Louis, Mo.

May 4, 1930.

Mr. Walter Huston
Culver City, California
Dear Mr. Huston:
To come to the point quick. I want you to lend me \$500. The reason I am writing this letter to you is that I have seen so many of your pictures and you always have faith in human nature and that is why I thought you would lend me the money.

Even if you are not inclined to help me write me a letter. We could keep up a correspondence because I like your style.

Your friend to be

David H. S....

Teacher's Helpmate
Centerville, Ind.

Dec. 1, 1931.

Tony Sarg, Marionette Maker
64 West 5th St.
New York City.
Dear Tony:

My teacher isn't married but she wood like too be. I know you wood like her. She is most nearly pretty. I hope you have a marry Xmas and your pupa to. I wish you goodby.

Ella G.

Hope They Come Through Clean
Dear Mrs. Stanley:
I hope the sunshine is making you feel gooder. The kids are fine. I don't know anything about Mr. Stanley's whereabouts, but I think they are in the wash.

Sincerely yours,

Ella G.

(signed)

One Penny
I was once travelling—this is a true story—in an express to Aberdeen. I dined in the restaurant car. Seated opposite me was a passenger, obviously well-to-do, in a fur-lined overcoat. This lad was particularly fussy about his dinner—went into committee with the waiter on almost every course; sent several dishes back for amendment; ordered specially-made toast, and so on. He gave more trouble to the staff than the rest of the diners put together.

At the end of the repast, having paid his bill, he presented the waiter with a penny.

I have often thought of this episode, and laughed. I thought of it again, this week, when I read of the Government's grant of £2 million for the devastated areas. At a moment when (I suppose) there is more wealth in the country, seeking profitable investment, than at any time since the war.

It must be one of the mingiest, most ludicrous gestures that the Government of a prosperous country has ever made.

Admirals All

(Five retired Admirals are attending classes in carpentry under the auspices of the Portsmouth municipality.)

Admiral Smith, go get your

plane—

Admiral Jones, your flo—
Admiral Brown, let's hope the town—
Will think your work worth short:

We can't afford to play—
Then, home we'll jog for a glass of grogg—

At the end of a well-spent day!
Admirals all, for England's sake—
Show us what you can do;
If you bring renown to Port—
Our town will be proud of you!



"Raines, what did you think of that dress the hostess had on?"

CHINESE ARTISTS' EXHIBIT

WORK PRAISED BY CRITICS

PREVIEW IN LONDON

London, Dec. 19. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Minister to Britain, gave a reception at the Legation to-day when a selection of Chinese contemporary paintings, which will be exhibited in London in February, was shown to a large and distinguished company.

The guests included Mr. Laurence Binyon and all the leading critics of the country.

The pictures were greatly admired.

Critics said that while the old, conventional style of Chinese artistry had been preserved in these exhibits, the method of treatment had been obviously broadened by world influences.

In the painting of birds and flowers, it was generally agreed, the Chinese remain unsurpassed.

—Reuter.

JAPAN TO PRESS DISARMAMENT

(Continued from Page 1.)

conversations will occur in about two or three months time, in spite of the announcement of the pending denunciation of the Washington Treaty by Japan, declared Sir John Simon, the Foreign Minister, in a speech broadcast to the nation last night.

Great Britain regretted Japan's decision very much but nobody was entitled to complain, he said. Japan was quite entitled to abrogate the treaty if she felt it was unsatisfactory.

The Japanese action, though serious, should not be confused with tragedy, said the Foreign Minister.

CALAMITY NOT ARRIVED

There still remained two years in which to try to arrive at a new agreement. It would be a real calamity, and a fearful one for the world of the future, if there were no treaties limiting the total of warships and the maximum size of fighting craft.

The Government was determined to do everything in its power to preserve the treaty system. It felt that nothing was more important for the peace of the world than for the naval powers with special interests and responsibilities in the Far East to continue to agree to naval limitation and to co-operation in a collective system designed to preserve good and friendly relations between all the nations in the area.

BRITISH INTERESTS

"The British Commonwealth has responsibilities in the Far East which we must discharge and we cannot yield on the essentials necessary for our security," said Sir John.

"At the same time we must try to put ourselves in the position of others, and we mean to do our utmost to work out with them a plan which will do justice to all and provide the equality of security which is the right of every community."

JAPAN'S PROPOSALS

He referred to Japan's proposals and said that the British Government felt that equality of security was not necessarily reached by such an arrangement as the Japanese desired.

He, and the Government, felt that in view of the greater range of responsibilities in Europe and Asia and elsewhere, and the vast extent of the British sea communications, a comparatively larger British navy was necessary to preserve this "equality of security."

Progress had been made at the London conferences, he asserted, and difficulties had been discussed calmly and frankly, with never a breach of good feeling. Doubtless they had long way to go, but as soon as the opportunity moment arrived the Government would take appropriate steps to resume the naval conversations.

—Reuter.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

London, Dec. 19. The preliminary naval conversations, in which representatives of the United States, Japan and the United Kingdom have been engaged in London, were adjourned to-day at a meeting under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. A communiqué issued later stated that "the conversations which were started last June and after a recess have been proceeding since October 28, are agreed by the repre-

GOLD BLOC'S FUTURE

LIKELIHOOD OF REVALUATION

Washington, Dec. 19. The basic economic condition of all the Gold Bloc members indicates revaluation as the logical course.

Trade balances continue unfavourable and unemployment is increasing in France, Belgium and Holland.—Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

OFFICERS' EXAMINATION

Nanking, Dec. 20. The Ministry of Communications has extended until June, 1935, the period for ship's officers to be examined regarding their qualifications. The period was due to expire at the end of this month.—Reuter.

FAIR WEATHER

The anticyclone has moved eastwards, pressure being highest over Korea and South Manchuria. The depression has moved eastward into the Pacific. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

SILVER SHARES FAVOURED

MORE TALK OF DEVALUATION

New York, Dec. 19. The Wall Street Journal reports that traders on Wall Street are very interested in the silver situation, which seems to favour silver shares.

Due to certain silver matters increasing attention, in all quarters, as well as the good prospect that the questions will be brought up at the forthcoming Congress, some authorities are saying they would not be surprised if the silver dollar were devalued, thereby raising the price of silver to a level proportionate to gold.—Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

Silver advanced 1/8th in London yesterday. Speculators bought and offerings were small, the market being steady.

AIL FOR COTTON INDUSTRY

GOVERNMENT PLANS RELIEF

London, Dec. 19. Methods for improving the position and competitive power of the cotton industry, which include a scheme for elimination of surplus spindles, was referred to by the President of the Board of Trade in answer to a Commons question to-day.

Mr. Runciman said he had promised that if proposals for the elimination of surplus spindles received support from a sufficiently influential proportion of the trade, he would be prepared to ask Parliament for statutory sanction for the collection of the necessary levy.

The scheme was based on an estimate of 30,000,000 running spindles. The Committee responsible for the scheme stated that the changes would not impose an undue burden on the industry if spread equitably over all firms. If, however, they were unable to borrow the necessary money on the security provided, and the success of the scheme was thereby endangered, the Government would find some way to assist them to borrow the money.—British Wires.

MILLION A YEAR LEAGUE FEE

CHINA WILL PAY UP HER ARREARS

Nanking, Dec. 20. In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Membership Fee Committee of the League of Nations in dealing with China's demand for reduction in the annual membership fee, an arrangement has been reached with the League of Nations for the payment of membership fees overdue. It provides that the payment of arrears is to be spread over thirty years; that is, China has to pay an annual amount of \$1,200,000, commencing from next year, until 1964.—Central News.

The play entitled "The Gladdening Light," portraying the Nativity of Christ, was presented at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. Like all religious dramas, the play was notable for two qualities—devotion and simplicity. The obvious sincerity of the players and the dignity of the presentation of the theme were exactly the qualities required for such a religious play as "The Gladdening Light."

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The attraction of such a play at this time of the year was demonstrated at yesterday's presentation, which was attended by a large audience.

It will be repeated this evening at 6 p.m., and to-morrow at 9.15 p.m.

RAW RUBBER LATEST SINGAPORE PRICES

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts have received the following Straits currency quotations (buyers) from Singapore to-day for raw rubber:

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Jan./Mar. 21 1/2 up 1/2 ct.

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Market Quiet.

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It is pointed out that, in any event, denunciation must be regarded as a preliminary rather than a final step, for the Conference next year is provided for in the Treaty, which remains in force until 1936.—British Wires.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

New York Cotton

Dec. 18. Close Dec. 19. Range

December 12.43 12.50-12.50

January 12.47 12.50-12.51

March 12.57 12.58-12.58

May 12.68 12.68-12.69

July 12.58 12.58-12.58

October (1935) 12.42 12.43-12.44

Spot 12.76 12.76

New York Rubber

December 12.09 12.98-12.98

January 13.03 13.00-13.00

March 13.20 13.23-13.23

May 13.40 13.39-13.43

July 13.57 13.68-13.58

September 13.77 13.78-13.78

Total sales: 87 lots

Chicago Wheat

December 98% 97 1/2-97 1/2

May 99 1/2 98 1/2-98 1/2

Tuesday's sales: 18,531,000 bushels

Chicago Corn

December 90% 89 1/2-89 1/2

May 87 1/2 87 1/2-87 1/2

Total sales: 15,262,000 bushels

Winnipeg Wheat

December 77% 77 1/2-77 1/2

May 82 1/2 82 1/2-82 1/2

July 83% 83 1/2-83 1/2

New York Sugar

December 1.95 1.99-1.99

March 1.79 1.77-1.78

May 1.83 1.82-1.83

July 1.87 1.86-1.86

Total sales: 12,000 tons

New York Bile

December 1.29 1/2 1.30 1-1.30 1/2

March 1.30 1.31 1-1.31 1/2

May 1.31 1.32 1-1.32 1/2

Total sales: 196 lots

Montreal Silver

December 53.15 53.50-53.60

March 53.75 54.15-54.15

May 54.00 54.65-55.05

July 55.00 55.30-55.30

Total sales: 6 contracts

NATIVITY PLAY

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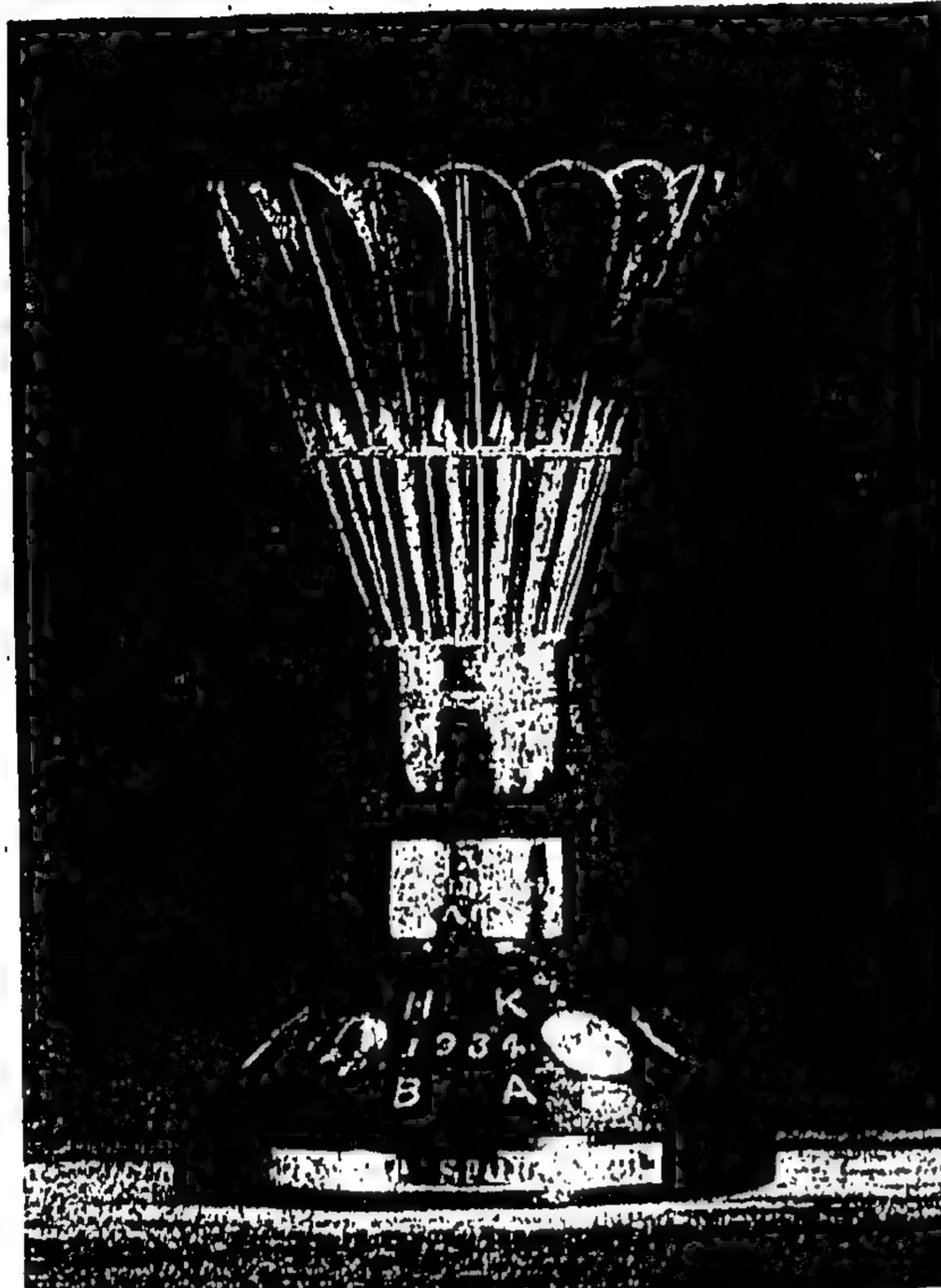
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AMERICA'S DAVIS CUP CHANCES FOR 1935 DIMMED

BADMINTON TROPHY



Above is a photograph of the handsome trophy presented by Dunlop Sports Co. for competition between Mixed Doubles teams in the Hongkong Badminton League.

THE YEAR'S GOLF

TRIUMPH OF YOUTH

Youth triumphant! That is the verdict of 1934—a golfing year which has seen the return of the Open Championship Cup to Great Britain and the arrival of many new promising players. The old order has changed. Newcomers have challenged the supremacy of players with established reputations, and many championship scrolls contain fresh names.

For British golf the year has been one both of delight and despair. Great Britain again failed to win the Walker Cup, and the women players went on a fruitless quest to America to be beaten in the first match for the Curtis Cup.

Yet Henry Cotton's remarkable victory in the British Open Championship at Sandwich—the first home triumph for eleven years—came as a tonic to British golf, and enabling a look on the future with confidence.

Cotton equalled the championship aggregate of 283, and created records in some of his rounds. That was the "high-spot" of British golf of the year.

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ALLISON AND SIDNEY POSSIBLE SINGLES PLAYERS

Yesterday's Rugger Game

NAVY XV FAIL TO IMPRESS

(By "Linesman")

The Navy will have to show up much better than they did yesterday if they are going to give the Club a good game on Saturday in their Triangular Tournament fixture. Against the Club "A" XV yesterday they were decidedly weak despite the fact that they scored 21 points without reply.

There wasn't a good three-quarter movement during the whole of the exchanges and the handling was also of a very poor order on both sides.

Crews, who was included in the Navy side as a try-out was conspicuous on several occasions with the Navy "threes" and it was through a brilliant cross-kick from near the corner flag that Dibdall was able to touch down their second try. With the inclusion of Crews, Marsh, who usually plays as an inside three-quarter, moved into the full-back position.

Benson was the pick of the defence, showing a useful turn of speed and being responsible for grounding three of the tries.

The Club only had five of their first team in, namely Lammert at full-back, Robertson, three-quarter, and Peers, Munro and Cumming, forwards. With the exception of these there was no one who figured prominently. Throughout the game the Club forwards were packing much too high.

The first try came soon after the start when the Club were two men short, Benson going over following a movement which started near the "25" line. Roome added the extra. Before the interval Dibdall put the Navy further ahead when he grounded a nicely placed cross-kick from Crews which landed just behind the posts. Roome again converted.

The Navy opened strongly in the second half and Benson scored his second try when he intercepted a pass and reached the line just as he was brought down by Peers. Whitfield missed with the kick.

Hammitt scored the next when he punted over Lammert's head and raced round him to touch down for an unconverted try. Benson obtained his third try soon afterwards when he gathered near to the "25" line and scored close to the posts. Roome majored.

The Navy continued to have the better of the game territorially, keeping up constant pressure on the civilian defence, but they were robbed of a certain try when Cheyne, with only Lammert to beat and but a few yards from the line sent out a bad forward pass.

Just on time Benson punted ahead over the line for Webster to score the last try before Lammert could reach the ball. Roome converted.

THE TEAMS

The teams were:—
Club:—G. P. Lammert; M. W. Scott, C. A. Archer, L. G. Robertson and P. J. Gardner; R. H. Griffiths and D. A. Campbell; H. O. Bramble, W. E. Peers, B. D. G. Barlow, W. G. Knowles, G. B. Jones, K. A. Munro, F. J. McGowan and D. A. Cumming.

Navy:—Sto. Marsh (Suffolk); Pay. Sub. Lieut. Biggle (Kent), Surg. Lieut. Benson (Medway), Lieut. Cheyne (Medway) and Sub. Lieut. Crews (Medway); Lt. Webster (Cornwall) and Lt. Forbes (Medway); Comdr. Roome (Medway), E. R. A. Galletley (Cornwall), Pay. Lt. Sowman (Kent), E. R. A. Dibdall (Cornwall), Lt. Collard (Adventure), Lt. Kelburne (Falmouth), Lt. Comdr. Whitfield (Falmouth) and E. A. Hammitt (Phoenix).

R.A.M.C. WIN

A keen and interesting rugby game was witnessed at Sookunpoa yesterday afternoon, when the newly formed Royal Army Medical Corps team met a team from H. Q. wing of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The medicals won by 14 points to nil.

Capt. Anderson opened the scoring with an unconverted try after 10 minutes play. Shortly afterwards, Capt. Leigh scored after a good run. This try was made unconverted.

In the second half the Fusiliers had most of the game, but following a good movement started in the medicals half, Sto. who played an outstanding game throughout, scored between the posts, which Lt. Col. Leigh converted. Just before the final whistle, Sto. scored the fourth try which Sutcliffe just failed to convert.

LOTT'S 1935 TOUR

George Lott and Lester Stoefen turned professional; Frank Shields entered the movies. All of which dims American Davis Cup hopes for 1935.

George Lott, the world's foremost doubles player and member of every Davis Cup team since 1928 with the exception of 1932, signed to make a professional tour in 1935, opening at Madison Square Garden on January 9. Terms were not revealed, but it is understood he declined a \$10,000 straight offer in favour of 12½ per cent of the gross receipts.

Lott and Stoefen scored the only point for the United States against England in the 1934 Davis Cup Challenge round. Later they successfully defended their United States national doubles title. In addition they hold the indoor title.

Lott was ranked among the first ten American singles players virtually every year for the past decade.

Frank Shields of New York, the country's No. 1 player entered the movies this month, but his



Lott and Stoefen.

contract permits him to continue playing tennis. Since he will not make tennis pictures, he still is regarded as an amateur. But experts fear that his movie work will not give him time for competitive play. Tournament competition takes much time and requires extensive travelling.

If Shields does not compete, Wilmer Allison and Sidney probably will be the Davis Cup singles players next year according to Mercer Beasley, "unofficial coach" of the American Davis Cup Forces. Allison and John Van Ryn, or Gene Mak and Donald Budge, brilliant young California combination may make up the doubles combination.

Beasley said he hadn't decided if he would sanction a Davis Cup tryout by Parker, his star pupil, whom he ranks third on his predicted national rating behind Allison and Wood in that order. He indicated that he wanted Frankie to have one more year of seasoning before making a determined foray into international competition.—United Press.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

LOUISIANA CLUB COACH RESIGNS

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 19.—The Louisiana State Club's president has accepted the resignation of "Bill" Jones from his post of football coach.

Jones sent in his resignation as the result of his refusal to permit Senator Huey ("King Fish") Long to meddle with the Louisiana football team.—United Press.

It is announced that the draw for St. John's Cup Sweep organised in connection with the Fanling Hunt & Race Club's Steeplechase on Sunday, will take place at the Kwanti Course at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

BADMINTON LEAGUE

LAST NIGHT'S MEN'S DOUBLES MATCHES

The K.C.C. dropped two points in the Men's Doubles "A" Division of the Hongkong Badminton League last night when they were defeated by seven games to two by St. Andrew's on their own courts.

N.A.E. Mackay and F. V. Wong were the weakest Saints' pair and it was against them that the K.C.C. won their two games, C. Wigg and S. P. Simcock and E. Zimmern and E.G. Warren being the victors.

Scores

The full scores are appended:—
C. Wigg and S. P. Simcock (K.C.C.) lost to E.F. Fincher and H. Kew, 8-21; lost to Chung and H.A. Broadbridge, 4-21; beat N.A.E. Mackay and F.V. Wong, 21-12.

E. Zimmern and E.G. Warren (K.C.C.) lost to Fincher and Kew, 5-21; lost to Chung and Broadbridge, 7-21; beat Mackay and Wong, 21-8.

L.E. Kirby and H.L. Langley (K.C.C.) lost to Fincher and Kew, 5-21; lost to Chung and Broadbridge, 10-21; lost to Mackay and Wong, 8-21.

"B" DIVISION

In the "B" Division the V.R.C. were beaten by five games to four by Taikoo the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, registering a similar score against the Fire Brigade.

S. and S. Home v. Fire Brigade

Clark and Bussey (S. and S. Home) lost to Shute and Fisher, 8-21; beat Greenwood and Fitz-Henry, 21-8; beat Skinner and Woolard, 21-10.

Smith and Yang Chen (S. and S. Home) lost to Shute and Fisher, 1-21; beat Greenwood and Fitz-Henry, 21-16; beat Skinner and Woolard, 21-7.

What About That (S. and S. Home) lost to Shute and Fisher, 1-21; beat Greenwood and Fitz-Henry, 21-16; beat Skinner and Woolard, 21-11.

Strathaird (S. and S. Home) lost to Shute and Fisher, 1-21; beat Greenwood and Fitz-Henry, 21-16; beat Skinner and Woolard, 21-11.

Bong and Wingfield (S. and S. Home) lost to Shute and Fisher, 1-21; lost to Greenwood and Fitz-Henry, 21-16; beat Skinner and Woolard, 21-11.

Golden Miller (S. and S. Home) lost to Shute and Fisher, 1-21; beat Greenwood and Fitz-Henry, 21-16; beat Skinner and Woolard, 21-11.

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Everything is now set for the Hongkong Ladies' Seven-a-Side hockey tournament which is to take place on Saturday afternoon on the C.B.A. ground, King's Park, bally-off at 3 p.m.

Six teams have entered and there is promise of some good hockey. At the conclusion of the event a cup, which has been presented for competition by Mrs. T. E. Pearce, President of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association, will be handed over by her to the winning team.

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St. Andrew's:—G. White, E. Landolt; J. Woolley, J. Wong; F. Wong, M. Woolley, P. Gillies.

Y.M.C.A.:—A. Fowler; L. Hickey, J. Wilson, B. Blumenthal; B. Walker, S. Dalziel, O. Brown.

LADIES GOLF

Mrs. Herdman and Mrs. Wren Win Medals

The best scores returned in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Ladies' Section L. G. U. Medal Competition played over the New Course, Fanling, on Tuesday were:

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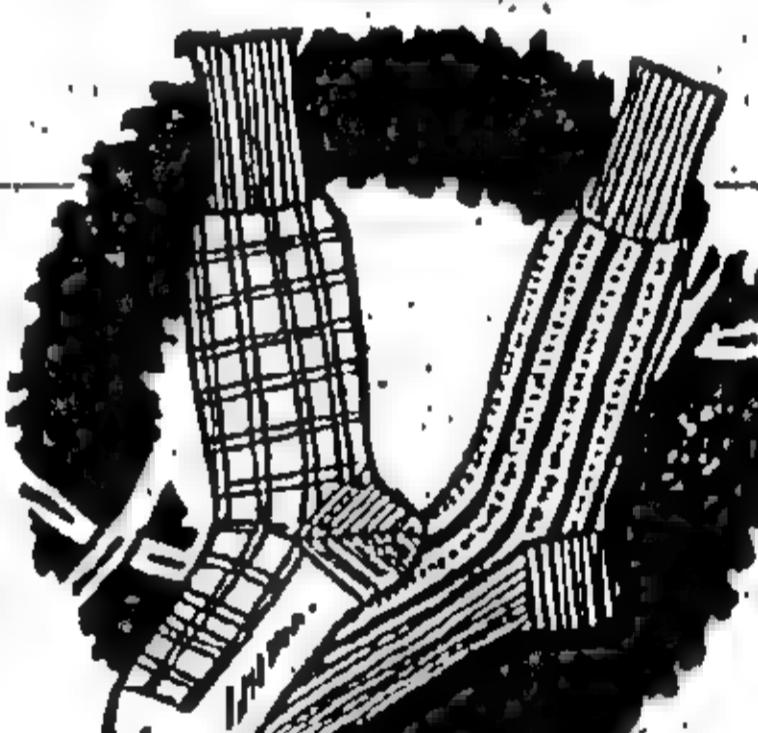
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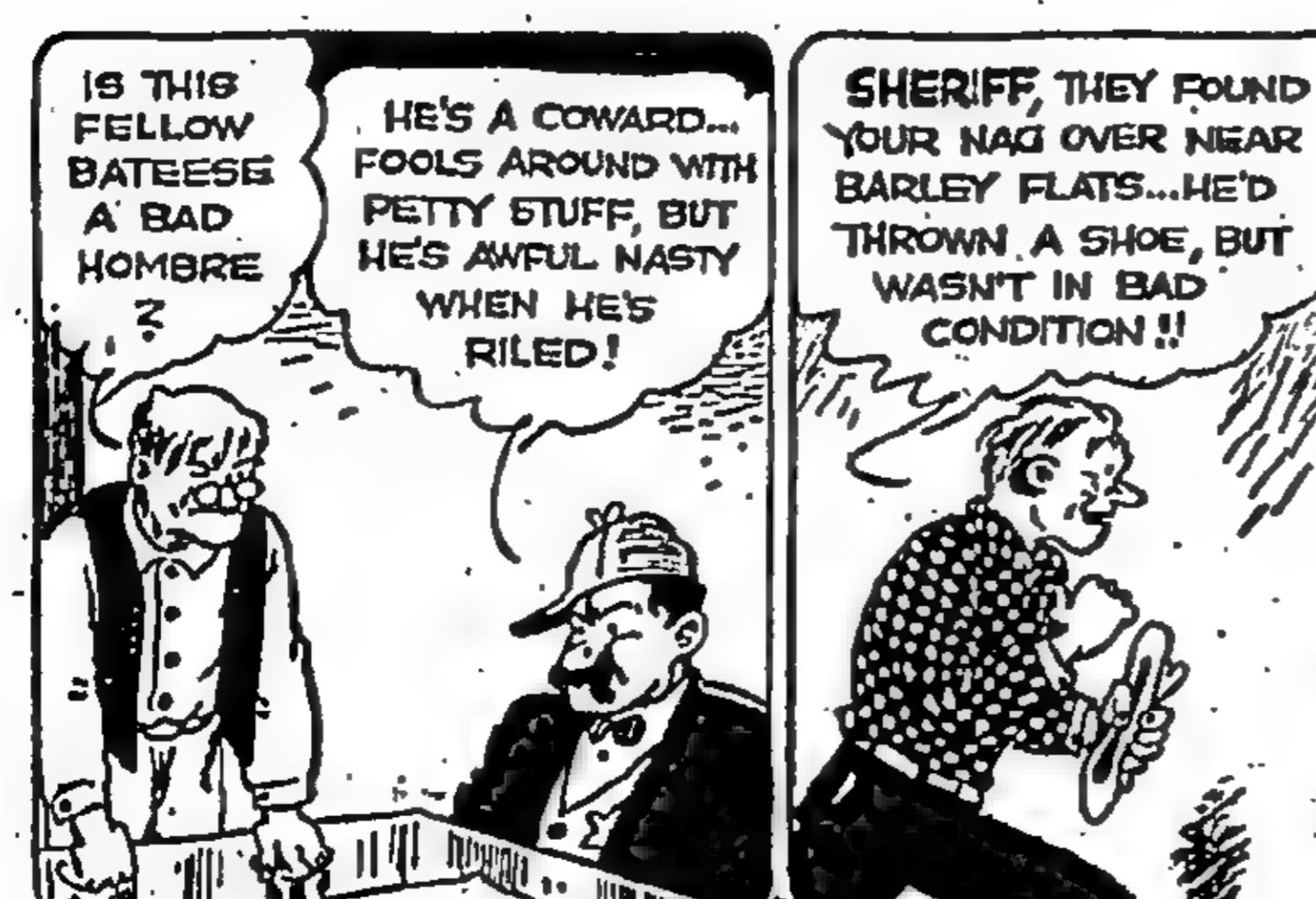
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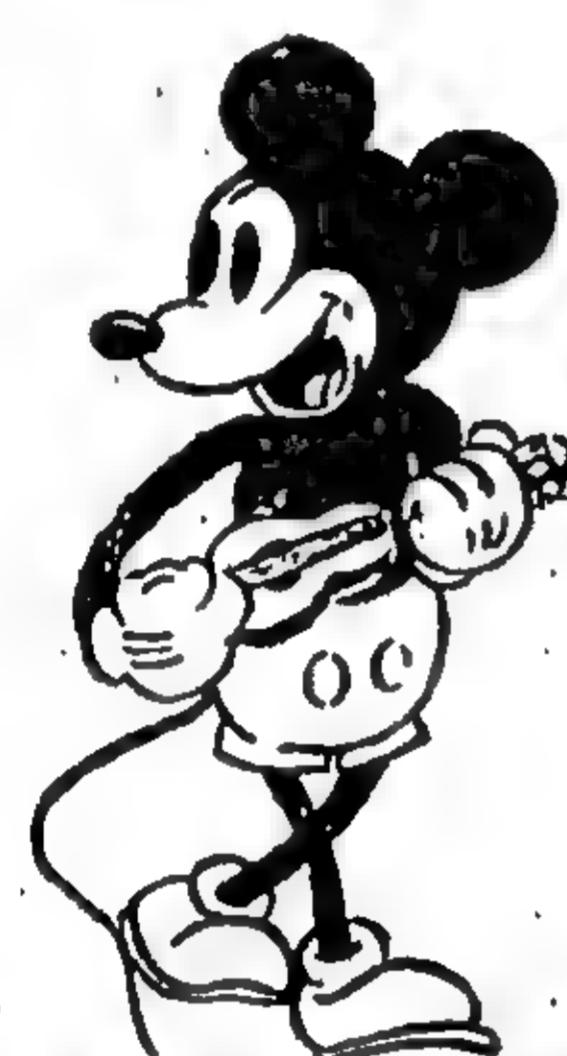
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The wedding took place at Christ Church, Shamian, on Tuesday afternoon, of Miss Mary D. Ricketts and Mr. Gaundry Phillips, the Rev. C. D. Cousins, London Mission, officiating at the ceremony.

The bride, who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ricketts of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, was born in Hongkong and, for some time, lived in Canton until the family moved to Canada. For the past two and a half years, she has been teaching at St. Hilda's School in Canton. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Phillips of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. He was born in Pontycymmer, South Wales, but left for Canada at an early age. Mr. Phillips has been teaching in Hongkong for the past year and a half and is now a member of the staff of the King Wa Boys' College in Kowloon.

Bride in White Satin

The bride, who was given away by the Rev. H. Davies of the New Zealand Presbyterian Mission at Canton, looked charming in a white satin gown. With this was worn a short train and a long veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossom. Little Miss Ruth Benson as train-bearer was dressed in an ankle-length golden brown silk dress. The bride carried a bouquet of white and yellow chrysanthemums.

The Misses Jean McNeur, of Kong Chuen (New Zealand Presbyterian Mission), and Ruth McCullough, teacher at Lingman University, Canton, were bridesmaids and wore green silk gowns trimmed with cream lace. Cream gloves and cream silk hats were worn and bouquets of copper-tinted chrysanthemums were carried.

Flower Girls in Brown

The two flower girls, the Misses Lois Benson and Mary Lee Rankin, wore ankle-length golden brown silk dresses, brown velvet hair bows and carried baskets of gold chrysanthemums.

Mrs. H. Davies, who acted in place of the bride's mother, chose a figured brown silk gown with brown silk coat, hat and shoes to match. She carried a colonial bouquet of brown button chrysanthemums.

The duties of best man were undertaken by Mr. Geoff. Smith of Vancouver and of the Lingman University.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Davies at Kong Chuen, Canton. After the healths of the happy couple had been proposed, they left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Manila. On leaving, Mrs. Phillips wore a green swagger suit, fawn hat and gloves with brown shoes and stockings. She carried a green purse.

CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE THEATRES

After more than two years of preparatory work, actual filming of "Treasure Island", world famous Robert Louis Stevenson story of pirate adventure, has been completed by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, and the picture will be shown from Saturday at the Queen's Theatre. In bringing this book to the screen the major problem has been to retain the utmost fidelity in the plot and characters which have been vividly impressed on the minds of millions of readers both young and old. Dozens of adaptations were prepared and then scrapped because they did not express the full strength of the Stevenson original. Finally each character was analyzed for its value to the story with dialogue as in the original plot. The result is said to offer a literal translation of the book to celluloid with a maximum of realism and visual power. An outline of photographic effects was prepared before the filming to ensure pictorial values in every scene. Emphasis was placed on the position of players in composition of settings so that each sequence would have the power of a painter's canvas. The necessity for casting more than fifty individual characters in addition to the leading roles has resulted in some of the finest players in Hollywood being chosen for the picture. Wallace Beery in the role of Long John Silver is said to be an exact personification of the book character, and with Jackie Cooper as Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer, the Stevenson atmosphere of youth and the sparkle of new experience is assured.

The famous whaling ship "Nanuk" used by the M-G-M expedition for the filming of "Eskimo" was rebuilt as the "Hispaniola", the ship that carries the adventurers on their treasure hunt. Included in the cast with Beery and Cooper are such notable players as Lionel Barrymore, Billy Bonsu, Otto Kruger, Lewis Stone, Nigel Bruce, "Chic" Sale and dozens of others. Victor Fleming, known for his vigorous work on "Rendezvous" and "Red Dust" directed.

"Just Smith"

"Just Smith" the new Tom Wall's picture is a Gaumont-British adaptation of Frederick Lonsdale's successful stage comedy "Never Come Back," and has been directed by Tom Walls. Smith is a high-class crook whose chief delight as well as his livelihood is to relieve the wealthy of their negotiable riches. In this instance he plays upon the weakness of his intended victim for titled folk in order to be entertained as guest at the lady's home in the country. There a valuable necklace is stolen and many are suspected. The enquiry detective eventually convinces himself that Smith is straightened out, but Smith still remains an enigma. A picture well played in the Wall's manner that is bound to be a success. Tom Wall's play lead and is admirably supported by Anne Grey, Carol Goodwin, Leslie Perrins, Hartley Power, Eva Moore, Peter Hawthorne and others.

"Hollywood Speaks"

"Hollywood Speaks", Columbia film now showing at the Alhambra, is a timely story of Hollywood. The truth about the extra girl is revealed — the inside dope on the great directors; an intimate kaleidoscope view of studio life on the other side of the cameras. It's Hollywood turned inside out. Genevieve Tobin and Pat O'Brien head a cast that includes such players as Paul Cavanaugh, Dorothy Peterson, Renee Gadd, George Meeker, Robert Cortell, Mary Nash and in this entertaining picture, Renee Gadd, beautiful young English actress, makes her first appearance on the American screen.

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"Uncertain Lady"

"Uncertain Lady" the Universal picture opening to-day at the Queen's Theatre is a corking comedy drama of a business woman who thought she was smart enough to play with love openly and make her husband, who seemed to have gone temporarily astray, come back to the fold. It is easy to imagine the comedy situations of two women apparently fighting over the type of husband you know Edward Everett Horton would portray. Genevieve Tobin is the appealingly beautiful but calculating business wife, a role she has played to perfection in many fine pictures. Horton is the over-nervous, over-timid and certainly un-glamorous husband. When his business wife finds he wants to be off with another woman she agrees to give him his freedom provided she finds her a new husband. Imagine the possibilities in that theme! They have all been fully realised by the excellent direction of Karl Freund. The supporting cast includes such players as Paul Cavanaugh, Dorothy Peterson, Renee Gadd, George Meeker, Robert Cortell, Mary Nash and in this entertaining picture, Renee Gadd, beautiful young English actress, makes her first appearance on the American screen.



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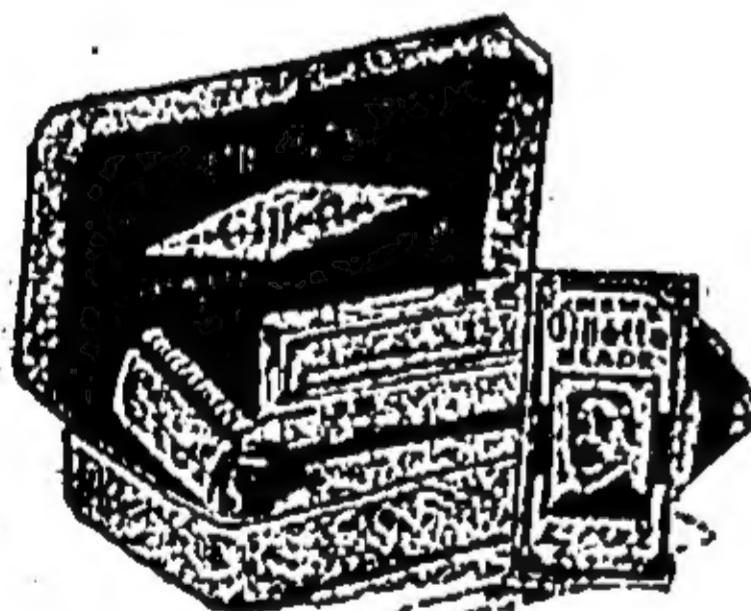
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KILLED BY BLAST

MISPLACEMENT OF POWDER SUGGESTED BY JURY

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, sitting as Coroner, conducted an inquiry into the death of Lo Pat, 60, a workman of the Kien San Contractors, who died as the result of an explosion on the new site of the No. 8 (Upper Level) Police Station on November 24.

The Coroner was assisted by the following jury: Mr. E. A. Roza (Foreman), Mr. G. L. Hill and Mr. Chan Nai-kin.

Inspector M. H. Houghton was present on behalf of the Police. Dr. L. D. Pringle, medical officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, said that the cause of death was rupture of the heart, due to the degeneration of its muscle following a blow on the chest. In his opinion, it was not a heavy blow.

He added that from the appearance of the wounds of the skin it could not have been a powerful explosion. There was no burning and the wounds were such as might have been caused by merely throwing stones at the person.

Liu Fuk, coolie foreman, testified that Lo Pat knew nothing about blasting. At 8.45 a.m. on the day in question, deceased was holding a 12 lb hammer and hit a rock as the rock was one foot higher than the level surface in the nullah. In the course of striking there was an explosion. Witness was surprised by it. The blast sounded as usual; no more, no less.

Li Ki, another foreman, said that on the evening of November 26 there were two blasts. Liu Yau, a quarryman, was in charge of setting the blasts. Liu Yau left after finishing his work on November 26 and witness had never seen him again. It was witness's duty to direct the holes to be drilled and their positions. He inspected them at the finish.

The Coroner: Can you offer any explanation why this shot went off twice?

Powder Overlooked?

Witness replied the rock was not properly split the previous night and it was possible that one packet of powder did not go off. The paper may have prevented the fuse from getting to it.

Witness examined the hole the previous night and found it was cracked but not broken to pieces. His Worship suggested that if water were poured into the hole after a discharge it might prevent a happening of this nature in the future. Witness agreed.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said Liu Yau had worked for one week. He was a good quarryman, knew about blasting and obeyed instructions.

His Worship mentioned that he sent the papers to the Government Analyst, who had expressed an opinion on paper that the rock dust from the hole resisted part of the blast. Shock, friction or percussion could cause a blast.

The Coroner: Is it possible that the charge was an old charge and had been overlooked?

Witness: No. After Chan Ming, a labourer who was standing nearby at the time of the accident, had given evidence, the Coroner summed up briefly.

The jury, after a brief retirement, returned a verdict of accidental death, due to some misplacement or dampening of the powder and added, as a rider, the suggestion that precaution might be adopted of pouring water in the shot-hole of a discharge before permitting work to proceed the following day.

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The Clue Of The Forgotten Murder:

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CHAPTER XXXVIII

Fisher turned to the two men. "Have you gentlemen any questions you want to ask?"

Griff shook his head. "I'm satisfied," he said.

Bleeker hesitated for a moment. Then he said, "No, there's nothing I can think of."

Griff turned to the girl. "I want her promise," he said, "that she won't leave this room for at least an hour."

Fisher turned to the girl. "You heard what he said?"

"Who is he?" she asked. "And why do I have to do what he says?"

"Because I'm telling you to," Fisher said. "He's working on the same side of the case that I am."

"Very well," she said. "I'll promise."

"Naturally," Griff remarked, turning to the attorney, "we should look up this Malone woman."

"She comes next," Fisher agreed.

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"You know this chauffeur well?"

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Griff nodded; his eyes were half-closed.

"I suggest," he said, "that we discuss this matter further in the lobby of the hotel. Stella Mockley has promised us to remain here. I feel certain that she will do so. I think that now she realizes only too well the seriousness of the crime in which she has become involved."

The girl nodded her head.

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